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<p>(54) Title: MOOD DISORDER GENE</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The present invention comprises the use of an 8.9 cM region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment thereof for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with mood disorders or related disorders. The invention also provides methods for determining the susceptibility of an individual to mood disorders or related disorders, comprising analysing a DNA sample for the presence of a trinucleotide repeat expansion in the above region. Polynucleotide sequences useful for detecting the presence of such trinucleotide repeat expansions are also provided.</p>			

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MOOD DISORDER GENE

The invention is concerned with the determination of genetic factors associated with psychiatric health with particular reference to a human gene or genes which contributes to or is responsible for the manifestation of a mood disorder or a related disorder in affected individuals. In particular, although not exclusively, the invention provides a method of identifying and characterising such a gene or genes from human chromosome 18, as well as genes so identified and their expression products. The invention is also concerned with methods of determining the genetic susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder. By mood disorders or related disorders is meant the following disorders as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, version 4 (DSM-IV) taxonomy (DSM-IV codes in parenthesis):- mood disorders (296.XX, 300.4, 311, 301.13, 295.70), schizophrenia and related disorders (295.XX, 297.1, 298.8, 297.3, 298.9), anxiety disorders (300.XX, 309.81, 308.3), adjustment disorders (309.XX) and personality disorders (codes 301.XX).

The methods of the invention are particularly exemplified in relation to genetic factors associated with a family of mood disorders known as Bipolar (BP) spectrum disorders.

Bipolar disorder (BP) is a severe psychiatric condition that is characterized by disturbances in mood, ranging from an extreme state of elation (mania) to a severe state of dysphoria (depression). Two types of bipolar illness have been described: type I BP illness (BPI) is characterized by major depressive episodes alternated with phases of mania, and type II

BP illness (BPII), characterized by major depressive episodes alternating with phases of hypomania. Relatives of BP probands have an increased risk for BP, unipolar disorder (patients only experiencing depressive episodes; UP), cyclothymia (minor depression and hypomania episodes; CY) as well as for schizoaffective disorders of the manic (SAM) and depressive (SAd) type. Based on these observations BP, CY, UP and SA are classified as BP spectrum disorders.

The involvement of genetic factors in the etiology of BP spectrum disorders was suggested by family, twin and adoption studies (Tsuang and Faraone (1990), *The Genetics of Mood Disorders*, Baltimore, The John Hopkins University Press). However, the exact pattern of transmission is unknown. In some studies, complex segregation analysis supports the existence of a single major locus for BP (Spence et al. (1995), *Am J. Med. Genet (Neuropsych. Genet.)* 60 pp 370-376). Other researchers propose a liability-threshold-model, in which the liability to develop the disorder results from the additive combination of multiple genetic and environmental effects (McGuffin et al. (1994), *Affective Disorders; Seminars in Psychiatric Genetics* Gaskell, London pp 110-127).

Due to the complex mode of inheritance, parametric and nonparametric linkage strategies are applied in families in which BP disorder appears to be transmitted in a Mendelian fashion. Early linkage findings on chromosomes 11p15 (Egeland et al. (1987), *Nature* 325 pp 783-787) and Xq27-q28 (Mendlewicz et al. (1987) *The Lancet* 1 pp 1230 -1232; Baron et al. (1987) *Nature* 326 pp 289-292) have been controversial and could initially not be replicated (Kelsoe et al. (1989) *Nature* 242 pp 238-243; Baron et al. (1993) *Nature Genet* 3 pp 49-55). With the development of a

human genetic map saturated with highly polymorphic markers and the continuous development of data analysis techniques, numerous new linkage searches were started. In several studies, evidence or 5 suggestive evidence for linkage to particular regions on chromosomes 4, 12, 18, 21 and X was found (Blackwood et al. (1996) Nature Genetics 12 pp 427-430, Craddock et al. (1994) Brit J. Psychiatry 164 pp 355-358, Berrettini et al. (1994), Proc Natl Acad Sci 10 USA 91 pp 5918-5921, Straub et al. (1994) Nature Genetics 8 pp 291-296 and Pekkarinen et al. (1995) Genome Research 5 pp 105-115). In order to test the validity of the reported linkage results, these findings have to be replicated in other, independent 15 studies.

Recently, linkage of bipolar disorder to the pericentromeric region on chromosome 18 was reported (Berrettini et al. 1994). Also a ring chromosome 18 with break-points and deleted regions at 18pter-p11 20 and 18q23-qter was reported in three unrelated patients with BP illness or related syndromes (Craddock et al. 1994). The chromosome 18p linkage was replicated by Stine et al. (1995) Am J Hum Genet 57 pp 1384-1394, who also reported suggestive evidence 25 for a locus on 18q21.2-q21.32 in the same study. Interestingly, Stine et al. observed a parent-of-origin effect: the evidence of linkage was the strongest in the paternal pedigrees, in which the proband's father or one of the proband's father's sibs 30 is affected.

In an independent replication study, the present inventors tested linkage with chromosome 18 markers in 10 Belgian families with a bipolar proband. To localize causative genes the linkage analysis or 35 likelihood method was used in these families. This

method studies within a family the segregation of a defined disease phenotype with that of polymorphic genetic markers distributed in the human genome. The likelihood ratio of observing cosegregation of the 5 disease and a genetic marker under linkage versus no linkage is calculated and the log of this ratio or the log of the odds is the LOD score statistic z. A LOD score of 3 (or likelihood ratio of 1000 or greater) is taken as significant statistical evidence for linkage.

10 In the inventors' study no evidence for linkage to the pericentromeric regions was found, but in one of the families, MAD31, a Belgian family of a BPII proband, suggestive linkage was found with markers located at 18q21.33-q23 (De bruyn et al. (1996) Biol Psychiatry 15 39 pp 679-688). Multipoint linkage analysis gave the highest LOD score in the interval between STR (Short Tandem Repeats) polymorphisms D18S51 and D18S61, with a maximum multipoint LOD score of +1.34. Simulation studies indicated that this LOD score is within the 20 range of what can be expected for a linked marker given the information available in the family. Likewise, an affected sib-pair analysis also rejected the null-hypothesis of nonlinkage for several of the markers tested. Two other groups also found evidence 25 for linkage of bipolar disorder to 18q (Freimer et al. (1996) Nature Genetics 12 pp 436-441, Coon et al. (1996) Biol Psychiatry 39 pp 689 to 696). Although the candidate regions in the different studies do not entirely overlap, they all suggest the presence of a 30 susceptibility locus at 18q21-q23.

The inventors have now carried out further investigations into the 18q chromosomal region in family MAD31. By analysis of cosegregation of bipolar disease in MAD31 with twelve STR polymorphic markers 35 previously located between the aforementioned markers

D18S51 and D18S61 and subsequent LOD score analysis as described above, the inventors have further refined the candidate region of chromosome 18 in which a gene associated with mood disorders such as bipolar spectrum disorders may be located and have constructed a physical map. The region in question may thus be used to locate, isolate and sequence a gene or genes which influences psychiatric health and mood.

The inventors have also constructed a YAC (yeast artificial chromosome) contig map of the candidate region to determine the relative order of the twelve STR markers mapped by the cosegregational analysis and they have identified seven clones from the YAC library incorporating the candidate region.

A number of procedures can be applied to the identified YAC clones and, where applicable, to the DNA of an individual afflicted with a mood disorder as defined herein, in the process of identifying and characterising the relevant gene or genes. For example, the inventors have used YAC clones spanning the region of interest in chromosome 18 to identify by CAG or CTG fragmentation novel genes that are allegedly involved in the manifestation of mood disorders or related disorders.

Other procedures can also be applied to the said YAC clones to identify candidate genes as discussed below.

Once candidate genes have been identified it is possible to assess the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder by detecting the presence of a polymorphism associated with a mood disorder or related disorder in such genes.

Accordingly, in a first aspect the present invention comprises the use of an 8.9 cM region of

human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment thereof for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated 5 with mood disorders or related disorders as defined above. As will be described below, the present inventors have identified this candidate region of chromosome 18q for such a gene, by analysis of cosegregation of bipolar disease in family MAD31 with 10 12 STR polymorphic markers previously located between D18S51 and D18S61 and subsequent LOD score analysis.

In a second aspect the invention comprises the use of a YAC clone comprising a portion of human 15 chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with mood disorders or related disorders as defined above. D18S60 is close 20 to D18S51 so the particular YAC clones for use are those which have an artificial chromosome spanning the candidate region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S51 and D18S61 as identified by the present inventors in their earlier paper (De bruyn 25 et al. (1996)).

Particular YACs covering the candidate region which may be used in accordance with the present invention are 961.h.9, 942.c.3, 766.f.12, 731.c.7, 907.e.1, 752-g-8 and 717.d.3, preferred ones being 961. 30 h.9, 766.f.12 and 907.e.1 since these have the minimum tiling path across the candidate region. Suitable YAC clones for use are those having an artificial chromosome spanning the refined candidate region between D18S68 and D18S979.

There are a number of methods which can be applied to the candidate regions of chromosome 18q as defined above, whether or not present in a YAC, to identify a candidate gene or genes associated with mood disorders or related disorders. For example, it has previously been demonstrated that an apparent association exists between the presence of trinucleotide repeat expansions (TRE) in the human genome and the phenomenon of anticipation of mood disorders (Lindblad et al. (1995), Neurobiology of Disease 2: 55-62 and O'Donovan et al. (1995), Nature Genetics 10: 380-381).

Accordingly, in a third aspect the present invention comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder as defined herein which comprises detecting nucleotide triplet repeats in the region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979.

An alternative method of identifying said gene or genes comprises fragmenting a YAC clone comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, for example one or more of the seven aforementioned YAC clones, and detecting any nucleotide triplet repeats in said fragments. Nucleic acid probes comprising at least 5 and preferably at least 10 CTG and/or CAG triplet repeats are a suitable means of detection when appropriately labelled. Trinucleotide repeats may also be determined using the known RED (repeat expansion detection) system (Shalling et al. (1993), Nature Genetics 4 pp 135-139).

In a fourth embodiment the invention comprises a

method of identifying at least one gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder and which is present in a YAC clone spanning the 5 region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, the method comprising the step of detecting the expression product of a gene incorporating nucleotide triplet repeats by use of an antibody capable of recognising a protein with an 10 amino acid sequence comprising a string of at least 8, but preferably at least 12, continuous glutamine residues. Such a method may be implemented by subcloning YAC DNA, for example from the seven 15 aforementioned YAC clones, into a human DNA expression library. A preferred means of detecting the relevant expression product is by use of a monoclonal antibody, in particular mAB 1C2, the preparation and properties of which are described in International Patent Application Publication No WO 97/17445.

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As will be described in detail below, in order to identify candidate genes containing triplet repeats, the inventors have carried out direct CAG or CTG fragmentation of YACs 961.h.9, 766.f.12 and 907.e.1, 25 comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, and have identified a number of sequences containing CAG or CTG repeats, whose abnormal expansion may be involved in genetic susceptibility to a mood disorder 30 or related disorder.

Accordingly, in a fifth aspect, the invention provides a nucleic acid comprising the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a.

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In a further aspect, the invention provides a protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a.

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In yet a further aspect the invention provides a mutated nucleic acid comprising a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, 10 or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

Also provided by the invention is a mutated protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence 15 of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

It is to be understood that the invention also 20 contemplates nucleotide sequences having at least 75% and preferably at least 80% homology with any of the sequences described above and having functional identity with any of said sequences. The homology is calculated as described by Altschul et al. (1997) 25 Nucleic Acids Res. 25: 3389-3402, Karlin et al. (1990) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 87: 2264-68 and Karlin et al. (1993) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 90: 5873-5877. Also contemplated are amino acid sequences which differ from the above described sequences only in 30 conservative amino acid changes. Suitable changes are well known to those skilled in the art.

Knowledge of the sequences described above can be used to design assays to determine the genetic 35 susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or

related disorder.

Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention provides a method for determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

- a) obtaining a DNA sample from said individual;
- 10 b) providing primers suitable for the amplification of a nucleotide sequence comprised in the sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a said primers flanking the trinucleotide repeats comprised in said sequence;
- 15 c) applying said primers to the said DNA sample and carrying out an amplification reaction;
- 20 d) carrying out the same amplification reaction on a DNA sample from a control individual; and
- 25 e) comparing the results of the amplification reaction for the said individual and for the said control individual;

wherein the presence of an amplified fragment from said individual which is bigger in size from that of said control individual is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.
By control individual is meant an individual who is not affected by a mood disorder or related disorder and does not have a family history of mood disorders or related disorders.

Preferable primers to use in this method are those shown in Figure 15b, 16b, 17b or 18b but other suitable primers may be utilised.

5 In a further aspect the invention provides a method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises the steps of :

10 a) obtaining a protein sample from said individual; and

15 b) detecting the presence of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats

20 wherein the presence of said protein is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

25 Preferably, the foresaid protein is detected by utilising an antibody that is capable of recognising a string of at least 8 continuous glutamines as, for example, the mAB 1C2 antibody.

30 The nucleic acids molecules according to the invention may be advantageously included in an expression vector, which may be introduced into a host cell of prokaryotic or eukaryotic origin. Suitable expression vectors include plasmids, which may be used to express foreign DNA in bacterial or eukaryotic host cells, viral vectors, yeast artificial chromosomes or 35 mammalian artificial chromosomes. The vector may be

transfected or transformed into host cells using suitable methods known in the art such as, for example, electroporation, microinjection, infection, lipoinfection and direct uptake. Such methods are 5 described in more detail, for example, by Sambrook et al., "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual", 2nd ed. (1989) and by Ausbel et al. "Current Protocols in Molecular Biology", (1994).

10 Also provided by the invention is a host cell, tissue or organism comprising the expression vector according to the invention. The invention further provides a transgenic host cell, tissue or organism comprising a transgene capable of encoding the 15 proteins of the invention, which may comprise a genomic DNA or a cDNA. The transgene may be present in the transgenic host cell, tissue or organism either stably integrated into the genome or in an extra chromosomal state.

20 A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a as well as the protein encoded by it may be therapeutically used in the treatment of mood 25 disorders or related disorders in patients which present a trinucleotide repeat expansion (TRE) in at least one of the foresaid sequences.

Accordingly, in another of its aspects the invention provides the above described nucleic acid 30 molecules and proteins for use as medicaments for the treatment of individuals with a mood disorder or related disorder. Preferably, the nucleic acid or the protein is present in an appropriate carrier or delivery vehicle. As an example, the nucleic acid 35 inserted into a vector, for example a plasmid or a

viral vector, may be transfected into a mammalian cell such as a somatic cell or a mammalian germ line cell, as described above. The cell to be transfected can be present in a biological sample obtained from the 5 patient, for example blood or bone marrow, or can be obtained from cell culture. After transfection the sample may be returned or readministered to a patient according to methods known to those practised in the art, for example, methods as described in Kasid et 10 al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1990) 87:473; Rosenberg et al. (1990) New Eng. J. Med. 323: 570 ; Williams et al. (1994) Nature 310: 476; Dick et al. (1985) Cell 42:71; Keller et al. (1985) Nature 318: 149 and Anderson et al. (1994) US Patent N. 5,399,346.

15 There are a number of viral vectors known to those skilled in the art which can be used to introduce the nucleic acid into mammalian cells, for example retroviruses, parvoviruses, coronaviruses, negative strand RNA viruses such as picornaviruses or 20 alphaviruses and double stranded DNA viruses including adenoviruses, herpesviruses such as Herpes Simplex virus types 1 and 2, Epstein-Barr virus or cytomegalovirus and poxviruses such as vaccinia fowlpox or canarypox. Other viruses include, for 25 example, Norwalk viruses, togaviruses, flaviviruses, reoviruses, papovaviruses, hepadnaviruses and hepatitis viruses.

A preferred method to introduce nucleic acid that encodes the desired protein into cells is through the 30 use of engineered viral vectors. These vectors provide a means to introduce nucleic acids into cycling and quiescent cells and have been modified to reduce cytotoxicity and to improve genetic stability. The preparation and use of engineered Herpes simplex 35 virus type 1 (D.M. Krisky, et al. (1997) Gene Therapy

4(10): 1120-1125), adenoviral (A. Amalfitani, et al. (1998) Journal of Virology 72(2):926-933), attenuated lentiviral (R. Zufferey, et al., Nature Biotechnology (1997) 15(9):871-875) and 5 adenoviral/retroviral chimeric (M. Feng, et al., Nature Biotechnology (1997) 15(9):866-870) vectors are known to the skilled artisan.

The protein may be administered using methods known in the art. For example, the mode of 10 administration is preferably at the location of the target cells. The administration can be by injection. Other modes of administration (parenteral, mucosal, systemic, implant, intraperitoneal, etc.) are generally known in the art. The agents can, 15 preferably, be administered in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such as saline, sterile water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution.

20 In yet another of its aspects the invention provides assay methods for identifying compounds that are able to enhance or inhibit the expression of the proteins of the invention. These assays can be conducted, for example, by transfecting a nucleic acid 25 of the invention into host cells and then comparing the levels of mRNA transcript or the levels of protein expressed from said nucleic acids in the presence or absence of the compound.

Different methods, well known to those skilled in the 30 art can be employed in order to measure transcription or expression levels.

Alternatively, it is possible to identify compounds 35 that modulate transcription by using a reporter gene assay of the type well known in the art. In such an assay a reporter plasmid is constructed in which the

promoter of a gene, whose levels of transcription are to be monitored, is positioned upstream of a gene capable of expressing a reporter molecule. The reporter molecule is a molecule whose level of expression can be easily detected and may be either the transcript of the reporter gene or a protein with characteristics that allow it to be detected. For example, the molecule may be a fluorescent protein such as green fluorescent protein (GFP).

Compound assays may be conducted by introducing the reporter plasmid described above into an appropriate host cell and then measuring the amount of reporter molecule expressed in the presence or absence of the compound to be tested.

The invention also relates to compounds identified by the above mentioned methods.

Further embodiments of the present invention relate to methods of identifying the relevant gene or genes which involve the sub-cloning of YAC DNA as defined above into vectors such as BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome) or PAC (P1 or phage artificial chromosome) or cosmid vectors such as exon-trap cosmid vectors. The starting point for such methods is the construction of a contig map of the region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61. To this end the present inventors have sequenced the end regions of the fragment of human DNA in each of the seven aforementioned YAC clones and these sequences are disclosed herein. Following subcloning of YAC DNA into other vectors as described above, probes comprising these end sequences or portions thereof, in particular those sequences shown in Figures 1 to 11 herein, together with any known

sequenced tagged site (STS) in this region, as described in the YAC clone contig shown herein, as can be used to detect overlaps between said subclones and a contig map can be constructed. Also the known 5 sequences in the current YAC contig can be used for the generation of contig map subclones.

One route by which a gene or genes which is associated with a mood disorder or associated disorder 10 can be identified is by use of the known technique of exon trapping.

This is an artificial RNA splicing assay, most often making use in current protocols of a specialized exon-trap cosmid vector. The vector contains an 15 artificial minigene consisting of a segment of the SV40 genome containing an origin of replication and a powerful promoter sequence, two splicing-competent exons separated by an intron which contains a multiple cloning site and an SV40 polyadenylation site.

The YAC DNA is subcloned in the exon-trap vector 20 and the recombinant DNA is transfected into a strain of mammalian cells. Transcription from the SV40 promoter results in an RNA transcript which normally splices to include the two exons of the minigene. If 25 the cloned DNA itself contains a functional exon, it can be spliced to the exons present in the vector's minigene. Using reverse transcriptase a cDNA copy can be made and using specific PCR primers, splicing events involving exons of the insert DNA can be 30 identified. Such a procedure can identify coding regions in the YAC DNA which can be compared to the equivalent regions of DNA from a person afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder to identify the relevant gene.

35 Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention

comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated variants and polymorphisms thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

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(a) transfecting mammalian cells with exon trap cosmid vectors prepared and mapped as described above;

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(b) culturing said mammalian cells in an appropriate medium;

(c) isolating RNA transcripts expressed from the SV40 promoter;

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(d) preparing cDNA from said RNA transcripts;

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(e) identifying splicing events involving exons of the DNA subcloned into said exon trap cosmid vectors to elucidate positions of coding regions in said subcloned DNA;

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(f) detecting differences between said coding regions and equivalent regions in the DNA of an individual afflicted with said mood disorder or related disorder; and

(g) identifying said gene or mutated or polymorphic variant thereof which is associated with said mood disorder or related disorders.

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As an alternative to exon trapping the YAC DNA may be subcloned into BAC, PAC, cosmid or other vectors and a contig map constructed as described above. There are a variety of known methods available by which the position of relevant genes on the

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subcloned DNA can be established as follows:

(a) cDNA selection or capture (also called direct selection and cDNA selection): this method involves
5 the forming of genomic DNA/cDNA heteroduplexes by hybridizing a cloned DNA (e.g. an insert of a YAC DNA), to a complex mixture of cDNAs, such as the inserts of all cDNA clones from a specific (e.g. brain) cDNA library. Related sequences will hybridize
10 and can be enriched in subsequent steps using biotin-streptavidine capturing and PCR (or related techniques);

(b) hybridization to mRNA/cDNA: a genomic clone
15 (e.g. the insert of a specific cosmid) can be hybridized to a Northern blot of mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines or against appropriate (e.g. brain) cDNA libraries. A positive signal can indicate the presence of a gene within the cloned fragment;

20 (c) CpG island identification: CpG or HTF islands are short (about 1 kb) hypomethylated GC-rich (> 60%) sequences which are often found at the 5' ends of genes. CpG islands often have restriction sites for
25 several rare-cutter restriction enzymes. Clustering of rare-cutter restriction sites is indicative of a CpG island and therefore of a possible gene. CpG islands can be detected by hybridization of a DNA clone to Southern blots of genomic DNA digested with
30 rare-cutting enzymes, or by island-rescue PCR (isolation of CpG islands from YACs by amplifying sequences between islands and neighbouring Alu-repeats);

35 (d) zoo-blotting: hybridizing a DNA clone (e.g.

the insert of a specific cosmid) at reduced stringency against a Southern blot of genomic DNA samples from a variety of animal species. Detection of hybridization signals can suggest conserved sequences, indicating a
5 possible gene.

Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene including mutated and polymorphic variants
10 thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

(a) subcloning the YAC DNA as described above
15 into a cosmid, BAC, PAC or other vector;

(b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any
one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other sequenced tagged
site (STS) in this region as in the YAC clone contig
described herein, or part thereof consisting of not
20 less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement
thereof, to detect overlaps amongst the subclones and
construct a map thereof;

(c) identifying the position of genes within the
25 subcloned DNA by one or more of CpG island
identification, zoo-blotting, hybridization of the
subcloned DNA to a cDNA library or a Northern blot of
mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines;

(d) detecting differences between said genes and
equivalent region of the DNA of an individual
afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder;
30 and

35 (e) identifying said gene which is associated

with said mood disorders or related disorders.

If the cloned YAC DNA is sequenced, computer analysis can be used to establish the presence of relevant genes. Techniques such as homology searching and exon prediction may be applied.

Once a candidate gene has been isolated in accordance with the methods of the invention more detailed comparisons may be made between the gene from a normal individual and one afflicted with a mood disorder such as a bipolar spectrum disorder. For example, there are two methods, described as "mutation testing", by which a mutation or polymorphism in a DNA sequence can be identified. In the first the DNA sample may be tested for the presence or absence of one specific mutation but this requires knowledge of what the mutation might be. In the second a sample of DNA is screened for any deviation from a control (normal) DNA. This latter method is more useful for identifying candidate genes where a mutation is not identified in advance.

In addition, the following techniques may be further applied to a gene identified by the above-described methods to identify differences between genes from normal or healthy individuals and those afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder:

(a) Southern blotting techniques: a clone is hybridized to nylon membranes containing genomic DNA digested with different restriction enzymes of patients and healthy individuals. Large differences between patients and healthy individuals can be visualized using a radioactive labelling protocol;

(b) heteroduplex mobility in polyacrylamide gels: this technique is based on the fact that the mobility of heteroduplexes in non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels is less than the mobility of homoduplexes. It
5 is most effective for fragments under 200 bp;

(c) single-strand conformational polymorphism analysis (SSCP or SSCA): single stranded DNA folds up to form complex structures that are stabilized by weak
10 intramolecular bonds. The electrophoretic mobilities of these structures on non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels depends on their chain lengths and on their conformation;

15 (d) chemical cleavage of mismatches (CCM): a radiolabelled probe is hybridized to the test DNA, and mismatches detected by a series of chemical reactions that cleave one strand of the DNA at the site of the mismatch. This is a very sensitive method and can be
20 applied to kilobase-length samples;

(e) enzymatic cleavage of mismatches: the assay is similar to CCM, but the cleavage is performed by certain bacteriophage enzymes.

25 (f) denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis: in this technique, DNA duplexes are forced to migrate through an electrophoretic gel in which there is a gradient of increasing amounts of a denaturant
30 (chemical or temperature). Migration continues until the DNA duplexes reach a position on the gel wherein the strands melt and separate, after which the denatured DNA does not migrate much further. A single base pair difference between a normal and a mutant DNA duplex is sufficient to cause them to migrate to
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different positions in the gel;

(g) direct DNA sequencing.

5 It will be appreciated that with respect to the methods described herein, in the step of detecting differences between coding regions from the YAC and the DNA of an individual afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder, the said individual may
10 be anybody with the disorder and not necessary a member of family MAD31.

15 In accordance with further aspects the present invention provides an isolated human gene and variants thereof associated with a mood disorder or related disorder and which is obtainable by any of the above described methods, an isolated human protein encoded by said gene and a cDNA encoding said protein.

20 In the experimental report which follows reference will be made to the following figures:

25 FIGURE 1 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is the left arm end-sequence of YAC 766.f.12;

FIGURE 2 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 766.f.12;

30 FIGURE 3 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a left arm end-sequence of YAC 717.d.3;

FIGURE 4 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 717.d.3;

35 FIGURE 5 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is

a right arm end-sequence of YAC 731.c.7;

FIGURE 6 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 752.g.8;

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FIGURE 7 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 942.c.3;

10 FIGURE 8 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a right arm end-sequence of YAC 942.c.3;

FIGURE 9 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 961.h.9;

15 FIGURE 10 shows a sequence of nucleotides which
is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 961.h.9;

FIGURE 11 shows a sequence of nucleotides which
is a left arm end-sequence of YAC 907.e.1;

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FIGURE 12 shows a pedigree of family MAD31;

25 FIGURE 13 shows the haplotype analysis for family
MAD13. Affected individuals are represented by filled
diamonds, open diamonds represent individuals who were
asymptomatic at the last psychiatric evaluation. Dark
gray bars represent markers for which it cannot be
deduced if they are recombinant; and

30 FIGURE 14 shows the YAC contig map of the region
of human chromosome 18 between the polymorphic markers
D18S560 and D18S561. Black lines represent positive
hits. YACs are not drawn to scale.

35 FIGURE 15 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and

surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
961_h_9. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

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FIGURE 16 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
766_f_12. The sequence in italics is derived from End
10 Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

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FIGURE 17 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
766_f_12. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

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FIGURE 18 shows (a) a CTG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
907_e_1. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

Experimental 1

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(a) Family Data

Clinical diagnoses in MAD31, a Belgian family with a
BPII proband were described in detail in De bruyn et
35 al 1996. In that study only the 15 family members who

were informative for linkage analysis were selected for additional genotyping. The different clinical diagnoses in the family were as follows:

1 BPI, 2 BPII, 2UP, 4 Major depressive disorder (MDD),
5 1 SAM and 1 SAd.

The pedigree of the MAD31 family is shown in Figure 12.

10 (b) Genotyping of Family Members

All short tandem repeat (STR) genetic markers are di- or tetranucleotide repeat polymorphisms. Information concerning the genetic markers used in this study was obtained from several sources on the internet: Genome DataBase (GDB, <http://gdbwww.gdb.org/>), GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>), Cooperative Human Linkage Center (CHLC, <http://www.chlc.org/>), Eccles Institute of Human Genetics (EIHG, <http://www.genetics.utah.edu/>) and Généthon (<http://www.genethon.fr/>). Standard PCR was performed in a 25 µl volume containing 100 ng genomic DNA, 200 mM of each dNTP, 1.25 mM MgCl₂, 30 pmol of each primer and 0.2 units Goldstar DNA polymerase (Eurogentec). One primer was end-labelled before PCR with [γ -³²P]ATP and T4 polynucleotide kinase. After an initial denaturation step at 94°C for 2 min, 27 cycles were performed at 94°C for 1 min, at the appropriate annealing temperature for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. Finally, an additional elongation step was performed at 72°C for 5 min. PCR products were detected by electrophoresis on a 6% denaturing polyacrylamide gel and by exposure to an X-ray sensitive film. Successfully analysed STSs, STRs and ESTs covering the refined candidate region are fully described herein on pages 36 to 54.

(c) Lod score analysis.

Two-point lod scores were calculated for 3 different disease models using Fastlink 2.2. 5 (Cottingham et al. 1993). For all models, a disease gene frequency of 1% and a phenocopy rate of 1/1000 was used. Model 1 included all patients and unaffected individuals with the latter individuals being assigned to a disease penetrance class depending on their age 10 at examination. The 9 age-dependent penetrance classes as described by De bruyn et al (1996) were multiplied by a factor 0.7 corresponding to a reduction of the maximal penetrance of 99% to 70% for individuals older than 60 years (Ott 1991). Model 2 is similar to model 15 1, but patients were assigned a diagnostic stability score, calculated based on clinical data such as the number of episodes, the number of symptoms during the worst episode and history of treatment (Rice et al. 1987, De bruyn et al. 1996). Model 3 is as model 1 but 20 includes only patients.

(d) Construction of the YAC contig - protocols

Growing of YACs and extraction of YAC DNA was 25 done according to standard protocols (Silverman, 1995). For the construction of the YAC-contig spanning the chromosome 18q candidate region, the data of the physical map based on sequence tagged sites (STSs) (Hudson et al. 1995) was consulted on the Whitehead 30 Institute (WI) Internet site (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>). CEPH mega-YACs were obtained from the YAC Screening Centre Leiden (YSCL, the Netherlands) and from CEPH (Paris, France). The YACs 35 were analyzed for the presence of STSs and STRs, previously located between D18S51 and D18S61, by

touchdown PCR amplification. Information on the STSs/STRs was obtained from the WI, GDB, Généthon, CHLC and GenBank sites on the Internet. Thirty PCR cycles consisted of: denaturation at 94°C for 1 min,
5 annealing (2 cycles for each temperature) starting from 65°C and decreasing to 51°C for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. This was followed by 10 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 1 min, annealing at 50°C for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. A
10 final extension step was performed for 10 min at 72°C. Amplified products were visualised by electrophoresis on a 1% TBE agarose gel and ethidium bromide staining.

(e) Ordering of the STR markers.

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Twelve STR markers, previously located between D18S51 and D18S61, were tested for cosegregation with bipolar disease in family MAD31. The parental haplotypes were reconstructed from genotype
20 information of the siblings in family MAD31 and minimizing the number of possible recombinants. The result of this analysis is shown in Figure 13. The father was not informative for 3 markers, the mother was not informative for 5 markers. Haplotypes in
25 family MAD31 suggested the following order for the STR markers analysed: cen-[S51-S68-S346]-[S55-S969-S1113-S483-S465]-[S876-S477]-S979-[S466-S817-S61]-tel. The order relative to each other of the markers between brackets could not be inferred from our
30 haplotype data. The marker order in family MAD31 was compared with the marker order obtained using different mapping techniques and the results shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Comparison of the order of the markers within the 18q candidate region for bipolar disorder, among several maps.

5	Marker*	Genetic maps		Radiation hybrid map
		Généthon	Marshfield	(Giacalone et al. 1996)
	D18S51		(-)3.4 cM	(-)27.9 cR
10	D18S68	0 cM	0 cM	0 cR
	D18S346		5.3 cM	52.2 cR
	D18S55	0.1 cM	0 cM	72.5 cR
15	D18S969		0.6 cM	
	D18S1113	0.7 cM		
	D18S483	2.5 cM	3.2 cM	88 cR
20	D18S465	4.5 cM	5.3 cM	101.3 cR
	D18S876			
	D18S477	4.4 cM	5.3 cM	166.4 cR
25	D18S979		8.9 cM	
	D18S466	7.6 cM	11.1 cM	212.4 cR
	D18S61	8.4 cM	11.8 cM	249.5 cR
30	D18S817		5.3 cM	260.6 cR

* Order according to haplotyping results in family MAD31.

(-) Marker is located proximal of D18S68.

D18S68, common to all 3 maps, was taken as the map anchor point, and the genetic distance in cM or cR of the other markers relative to D18S68 are given. The marker order is in good agreement with the order of 5 the markers on the recently published chromosome 18 radiation hybrid map (Giacalone et al. (1996) Genomics 37:9-18) and the WI YAC-contig map (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>). However, a few discrepancies with other maps were observed. The only discrepancy with 10 the Généthon genetic map is the reversed order of D18S465 and D18S477. Two discrepancies were observed with the Marshfield map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>). The present inventors mapped D18S346 above D18S55 based on 15 maternal haplotypes, but on the Marshfield maps D18S346 is located between D18S483 and D18S979. The inventors also placed D18S817 below D18S979, but on the Marshfield map this marker is located between 20 D18S465 and D18S477. However, the location of D18S346 and D18S817 is in agreement with the chromosome 18 radiation hybrid map of Giacalone et al. (1996). One discrepancy was also observed with the WI radiation hybrid map (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>), in which 25 D18S68 was located below D18S465. However, the inventors as well as other maps placed this marker above D18S55.

(f) Lod score analysis and refinement of the candidate region.

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Lod score analysis gave positive results with all markers, confirming the previous observation that 18q21.33-q23 is implicated in BP disease, at least in family MAD31 (De bruyn et al. 1996). Summary 35 statistics of the lod score analysis under all models

are given in table 2 below.

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Table 2. Summary statistics of the two-point lod scores in MAD31.

Marker	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}
D18S51	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.08	0.54	0.1
D18S68	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18S346	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18969	1.40	1.40	0.0	1.27	1.27	0.0	1.20	1.20	0.0
D18S1113	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S876	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S477	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S979	-0.18	0.77	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.08	0.54	0.0
D18S817	-0.19	0.73	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18S61	-0.21	0.73	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.07	0.54	0.1

D18S55, D18S483, D18S465 and D18S466 were not informative.

The highest two-point lod score (+2.01 at $\theta=0.0$) was obtained with markers D18S1113, D18S876 and D18S477 under model 1 in the absence of recombinants (table 2). In model 1, all individuals with a BP spectrum disorder are considered affected and fully contributing to the linkage analysis.

Before the fine mapping the candidate region was flanked by D18S51 and D18S61, which are separated by a genetic distance of 15.2 cM on the Marshfield map or 13.1 cM on the Généthon map. The informative recombinants with D18S51 and D18S61 were observed in 2 affected individuals (II.10 and II.11 in Fig. 13). However, since no other markers were tested within the candidate region it was not known whether these individuals actually shared a region identical-by-descent (IBD). The additional genetic mapping data now indicate that all affected individuals are sharing alleles at D18S969, D18S1113, D18S876 and D18S477 (Fig. 13, boxed haplotype). Also, alleles from markers D18S483 and D18S465 are probably IBD, but these markers were not informative in the affected parent I.1. Obligate recombinants were observed with the STR markers D18S68, D18S346, D18S979 and D18S817 (Table 2, fig. 13) Since discrepancies between different maps were observed for the locations of D18S346 and D18S817, the present inventors used D18S68 and D18S979 to redefine the candidate region for BP disease. The genetic distance between these 2 markers is 8.9 cM based on the Marshfield genetic map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>).

(g) Construction of the YAC contig.

According to the WI integrated map 56 CEPH 35 megaYACs are located in the initial candidate region

contained between D18S51 and D18S61 (Chumakov et al. (1995) Nature 377 Suppl., De bruyn et al. (1996)). From these YACs, those were selected that were located in the region between D18S60 and D18S61. D18S51 is not 5 presented on the WI map, but is located close to D18S60 according to the Marshfield genetic map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>). To limit the number of potential chimaeric YACs, YACs were eliminated that were also positive for non-chromosome 10 18 STSs. As such, 25 YACs were selected (see Figure 14), and placed in a contig based on the technique of YAC contig mapping, i.e. sequences from sequence tagged sites (STSs), simple tandem repeats (STRs) and expressed sequenced tags (ESTs), known to map between 15 D18S60 and D18S61, were amplified by PCR on the DNA from the YAC clones. The STS, STR and EST sequences used, are described from page 36 to 54. Positive YAC clones were assembled in a YAC contig map (Figure 14).

Three gaps remained in the YAC contig, of 20 which one, between D18S876 and GCT3G01, was located in the refined candidate region. To close the gap between D18S876 and GCT3G01, 14 YAC clones (Table 3, on page 62) were further analysed. End fragments from YAC clones 766.f.12 (SV11R), 752.g.8 (SV31L), 942.c.3 25 (SV10R) were obtained and sequenced (see pages 55-61). Primers from these three sequences were selected, and DNA of each of the 14 YAC clones was amplified by PCR. As indicated in Table 3, overlaps were obtained between 7 YAC clones on the centromeric side, and two 30 YAC clones on the telomeric site (717.d.3 and 907.e.1).

The final YAC contig is shown in Figure 14. In the figure, only the YAC clones which rendered unambiguous hits with the chromosome 18 STSs, STRs and ESTs are shown. In a few cases, weak positive signals 35 were also obtained with some of the YAC clones, which

likely represent false positive results. However, these signals did not influence the alignment of the YAC clones in the contig. Although, all YACs known to map in the region were tested as well as all available STSs/STRs, initially, the gap in the YAC contig was not closed. However, this was subsequently achieved by determining the end-sequences of the eight selected YACs (see below). The order of the markers provided by the YAC contig map is in complete agreement with the marker order provided by the WI map which integrates information from the genetic map, the radiation hybrid map and the STS YAC contig map (Hudson et al. 1995). Also, the YAC contig map confirms the order of the STR markers as suggested by the haplotype analysis in family MAD31. Moreover, the YAC contig map provides additional information on the relative order of the STR markers. For example, D18S55 is present in YAC 931_g_10 but not in 931_f_1 (Fig.14), separating D18S55 from its cluster [S55-S969-S1113-S483-S465] obtained by haplotype analysis in family MAD31. The centromeric location of D18S55 is defined by the STS/STR content of surrounding YACs (Fig. 14). If we combine the haplotype data and the YAC contig map the following order of STR markers is obtained: cen-[S51-S68-S346]-S55-[S969-S1113]-[S483-S465]-S876-S477-S979-S466-[S817-S61]-tel.

Out of the 25 YAC clones spanning the whole contig, seven YAC clones were selected in order to identify the minimal tiling path (Table 4). These 7 YAC clones cover the whole refined chromosome 18 region. Furthermore, YAC clones should preferably be non-chimeric, i.e. they should only contain fragments from human chromosome 18. In order to examine for the presence of chimerism, both ends of these YACs were subcloned and sequenced (pages 55 to 61). For each of

the sequences, primers were obtained, and DNA from a monochromosomal mapping panel was amplified by PCR using these primers. As indicated on pages 55 to 61, some of the YAC clones contained fragments from other chromosomes, apart from human chromosome 18.

5 Three YAC clones were then selected comprising the minimum tiling path (Table 5). These three YAC clones were stable as determined by pulsed field gel electrophoresis and their sizes correspond
10 well to the published sizes. These YAC clones were transferred to other host yeast strains for restriction mapping, and are the subject to further subcloning.

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Description of the successfully analysed STSs, STRs and ESTs covering the refined candidate region.

Explanations:

- STS: Sequence Tagged Site
- STR: Simple Tandem Repeat
- EST: Expressed Sequence Tag

These markers are ordered from the centromere to the telomere. Only the markers that were effectively tested and that worked on the YACs are given.

List:

1. D18S60:

Database ID: AFM178XE3 (Also known as 178xe3, Z16781, D18S60)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STRs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CCTGGCTCACCTGGCA

Right = TTGTAGCATCGTTGTAATGTTCC

Product Length = 157

Review complete sequence:

Genbank ID: Z16781

Description: H. sapiens (D18S60) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat; clone

Search for GDB entry

2. WI-9222:

Database ID: UTR-03540 (Also known as G06101, D18S1033, 9222, X63657)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

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Left = GATCCCATAAAGCTACGAGGG
 Right = GAGTCTAAAGACAAGAAAGCATTGC
 Product Length = 99

Review complete sequence:

TCTTCTTACCCCTTGGAAAGAAGACTGTTCAAATAATTGAACAGCTTG
 CTGCTAAATGGGACCCAATTTCGGCCTATAGACACTTATGTATTGTTTC
 GAATACGTCAGATTGGACCAGTGCTCTCAGGAATGTGGCTGCAAGCAA
 GGGGCTAGAAGTTCACCTCCTGACAGTATTATAACTATGCAAATATG
 GAATAGGAGACCATTTGATTTCTAGGCTTGTGGTAGAGAGGTGAAGG
 TATGAGAATTAAAGCGTGTGAACAAAGTAAAGAACAGGATTCCAGAATG
 ATCATTAAATTGTTCTATTATCTTTGCCCCCTAGAGATTAAGTC
 CAGAAATGTACTTCTGGCACATAAAGAAATCTTGAGGACTTGTAAAC
 CTTCCATAAAAAAACATTTCGGTTCTCGGGTNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
 NNT
 TCTTCTTGTGTATTTATTCAAGATGAGTTGGACCCATTGCCAGTGAGT
 CTGAATGTCACTGACAGCCCTGTGTGCTCAGGACTCACTCTGCTGC
TGGTGGAAACTCATGGCTCTCTCTCTTGTGCTAAAGCTACGAG
GGGGACGGGAGAGGGCAGTGCAATGGGAAGTAAAGAGATAATTCCAG
TAGGAAAAGCAATGCTTCTTGCTTTAGACTCAAATGCTTAGGGAACGT
TTCATTCTCATTATGGGGAAAGGCAGCCTCTTAAATGTTTCTGAAG
AGCGGTAAAATCTAGAACGCTTAAGAATTACAGTTCTTCAATAACCATGA
TGACCTGAAGTTCACCTATCCCATTAGCATCTACTGTGTTTCCATCT
CTTCCTTCCAATTGCTTACTGCTGAATATTGTNNNNNNNNNN
NNNNNNNNNNNNNGACCAGCTAAATTTCGACTGACTTTAACTT
AACTCATGAATTAAATTAAAGCAAATGAAAAAAATTAAAAGTGTGACTTTT
CTCGGAGCATATGTAGCTTTAGGAAAGGCTGATGATGGTATAAAGTT
TGCTCATTAAGAAAAAAAGACAAGGCTGATTTGAAGAGAGTTGCTTTG
AAATAAAATGATCA

Genbank ID: X63657

Description: H.sapiens fvt1 mRNA

Search for GDB entry

3. WI-7336:

Database ID: UTR-04664 (Also known as PI5, G00-679-135, G06527, 7336, U04313)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGACATTCTCGCTTCCCTGA
 Right = AATTTTGACCCCTTATGGGC
 Product Length = 332
 Review complete sequence:

TAAGTGGCATAGCCCATGTTAAGTCCTCCCTGACTTTCTGTGGATGCCG
 ATTTCTGTAAACTCTGCATCCAGAGATTCTAGATACAATAATTG
 CTAATGTTGCTGGATCAGGAAGCCGCCAGTACTGTCTATGTAGCCTTC

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ACACAGATAGACCNNNNNNNNNCCATTCTATCTTTGTTCTTTT
 CCCATAAGACAATGACATACGCTTTAATGAAAAGGAATCACGTTAGAGG
 AAAAATATTATTATTGTCAAATTGTCGGGGTAGTTGGCAGAAAT
 ACAGTCTTCCACAAAGAAAATTCTATAAGGAAGATTGGAAGCTCTTCT
TCCCAGCACTATGCTTCCCTTGGATAGAGAATGTTCCAGACATT
TCGCTCCCTGAAAGACTGAAGAAAGTGTAGTGCATGGACCCACGAAA
CTGCCCTGGCTCCAGTGAAACTGGGCACATGCTCAGGCTACTATAGGT
CCAGAAAGTCCTATGTTAAGCCCTGGCAGGCAGGTGTTATTAAAATTCT
GAATTGGGATTTCAAAAGATAATTTACATACACTGTATGTTATA
GAACTTCATGGATCAGATCTGGGCAGCAACCTATAAAATCAACACCTAA
TATGCTGCAACAAAATGTAGAATATTGACAAAAATGGATACATAAAGACT
AAGTAGCCCATAAGGGTCAAAATTGCTGCAAATGCGTATGCCACCA
ACTTACAAAACACTCGTCAGAGCTTCAGATTGTGAATGTTGG
ATAAGGAATTATAGACCTCTAGTAGCTGAAATGCAAGACCCAAAGAGGAA
GTTAGATCTTAATATAATTCACTTCATTTGATAGCTGTCCATCTG
GTCATGTGGTGGCACTAGACTGGTGGCAGGGCTCTAGCTGACTCG
CACAGGGATTCTCACAATAGCCGATATCAGAATTGTTGAAGGAACCT
GTCTCTTCATCTAATATGATAGCGGGAAAAGGAGAGGAAACTACTGCCTT
TAGAAAATATAAGTAAAGTGATTAAGTGCTACGTTACCTTGACACATAG
TTTTTCAGTCTATGGGTTAGTTACTTAGATGGCAAGCATGTAACCTATA
TTAATAGTAATTGTAAGTTGGGTGGATAAGCTATCCCTGTTGCCGGTT
CATGGATTACTCTCTATAAAAAATATATATTACCAAAAAATTGTCACA
TTCTCTCCATCTCCTGACATGCATTGAAATAGGTTCTCTGT
TCTGAGATTCAATATTGAATTCTCCTATGCTATTGACAATAAAATTATT
GAACtACC

Genbank ID: G06527

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

4. WI-8145:

Database ID: EST102441 (Also known as D18S1234, G00-677-827, G06845, 8145, T49159)

Source: WICGR: STSs derived from dbEST sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GAAATGCACATAACATATATTGCC

Right = TGCTCACTGCCTATTAAATGTAGC

Product Length = 184

Review complete sequence:

GTTGTTGGANGCAGGTTATTATTATGCAATTGAATATAAGAT
ACAGACATATATGTGTTATGTATTCTAGAAATGCACATAACATATATT
GCCTATTGTTAATGTTTTCAGANATTATTACAGAAGGGCATGGAG
GGATACCTACTTATTCTCATTATGAGAACAAATTAAAGGCATTATTAGAT
AGGAAATTAAACAGANCATCTGCTTCTATAACTTATTAGCTACATTAAATA
GGCAGTGAGCANTAAATTAAAANCTCACCATTATATAAANTAAATACC
AAAGTAAAG

_____ : left and right primer

PCR Conditions

Genbank ID: T49159

Description: yb09e07.s1 Homo sapiens cDNA clone 70692 3' similar to

gb:J02685

UniGene Cluster Description: Human mRNA for Arg-Serpin (plasminogen activator-inhibitor 2, PAI-2) Search for GDB entry

5. WI-7061:

Database ID: UTR-02902 (Also known as PAI2, G00-678-979, G06377, 7061, M18082)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGCTCTTCTGAACAACTTCTGC

Right = ATAGAAGGGCATGGAGGGAT

Product Length = 338

Review complete sequence:

AACTAAGCGTGTGCTTCTGCAAAAGATTTGTAGATGAGCTGTGTGCC
TCAGAATTGCTATTCAAATTGCCAAAAATTAGAGATGTTCTACATAT
TTCTGCTCTTCTGAACAACTTCTGCTACCCACTAAATAAAAACACAGAAAT
AATTAGACAATTGTCTATTATAACATGACAACCCATTAAATCATTGGTCT
TCTAAAATGGGATCATGCCATTAGATTTCTTACTATCAGTTTATTTT
TATAACATTAACTTTACTTTGTTATTTATTATTTATATAATGGTGAGTTT
AAATTATTGCTCACTGCCTATTTAATGTAGCTAATAAAAGTTATAGAACAG
ATGATCTGTTAATTCTATCTAATAAAATGCCTTAATTGTTCTCATAATGA
AGAATAAGTAGGTATCCTCCATGCCCTCTATAATAATCTGGAAAAAA
ACATTAACAAATAGGCAAATATATGTTATGTGCATTCTAGAAATACATAA
CACATATATATGTCTGTCTTATATTCAATTGCAAGTATATAATAATAAAA
CCTGCTTCAAACACNNNNNNNNNNNNNGGAATT

PCR Conditions

Genbank ID: G06377

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

6. D18S68:

Database ID: AFM248YB9 (Also known as 248yb9, Z17122, D18S68)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

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Primers:

Left = ATGGGAGACGTAATACACCC

Right = ATGCTGCTGGTCTGAGG

Product Length = 285

Review complete sequence:

AAAGAGTTGGGTTGTGAATTCCCACACCACTCAACTATTGGCTATGGG
CTTACCATGGGAGACGTAATACACCCGGNACTTCCAACTCACATACCAAG
AGACATGGCTCTAGCACCCAAATGGAATATGCTGAATGTTGCAGGTGCA
AGACAGCAACAAAGCAGACAGAGGCACATAGACAAGGCACCAACAGTGT
CCACTATAACCCTGACAGTGTGAAAGTTGTAGATAGGATGAAGAGAAG
AATACA
CGGTAGANACTTACTACNCAAAGTGTGANCTCAGACCAGCAGCATCTG
GCNAAATGGTGTATCACCTTCCAG

Genbank ID: Z17122

Description: H. sapiens (D18S68) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat; clone

7. WI-3170:

Database ID: MR3726 (Also known as D18S1037, G04207, HALd22f2, 3170)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGTGCTACTGATTAAGGTAAAGGC

Right = TGCTTCTCAATTGTAGAGTTGG

Product Length = 156

Review complete sequence

CTGAGACAAGGCAGGCAAACAAACCTCTAAAAATCTACAATTGGTGATTGG
TGTGCTACTGATTAAGGTAAAGGCACAGAATTATACATCCAGGTTNCTAT
TACTTATGGCAGACTCAGGACCCAGGTTNAGAGACCCTGGCCTTAAGA
AAAAAAATGGGGTTCTGATTTCTGGATAATAATCCAACCTACAAATTGA
AGAACGAAACATACCCCTTTGTTA

Genbank ID: G04207

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

8. WI-5654:

Database ID: MR10908 (Also known as D18S1259, G00-678-695, G05278, 5654)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

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Primers:

Left = CTTAATGAAAACAATGCCAGAGC

Right = TGCAAAATGTGGAATAATCTGG

Product Length = 149

Review complete sequence:

CTACAAAATGCATGTGGCTTGGCTTGAAATAGTACACCCCTATCAAAGA
CTAAATTTCTTAATGAAAACAATGCCAGAGCTTTTCATGATATTTGTT
TTTAGAGATGGGGAACAACTGGACGTTGTTCCTATCTGGGTGGTAAT
CGAGGCTTAGCAATTCCCACAGCGTTACACAAATCCAGATTATTCCACA
TTTGCAAATA

Genbank ID: G05278

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

9. D18S55:

Database ID: AFM122XC1 (Also known as 122xc1, Z16621, D18S55,
GC378-D18S55)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GGGAAGTCAAATGCAAATC

Right = AGCTTCTGAGTAATCTTATGCTGTG

Product Length = 143

Review complete sequence:

AGCTAACATGCCTTTCATGGAGCAGTTCNAAATACACTTTGGTACA
ATCTGCAGGTGGATATTGGAGCTCAGGAGTTGAGACCAGCCTGGGCA
ACATGGTGAAAATCCCGCTCTACTAAAATACAAAAAAATTAGCCAGGTGTG
GCGGCATGTGCCTGTAGNCCCAGGATGGATTGAGTGGGTGAGATATGG
AATAAGTGGTGGGAAGTCAAATGCAAATCAATTCAGTTGTCAATATTG
ATTCTCTATTCTAGCCTGGCGTGGTTTTCCTCGTCACACACACACAC
ACACACACACACACACACACACACACACACAGCATAAGATTACTCAGA
AGCT

Genbank ID: Z16621

Description: H. sapiens (D18S55) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

10. D18S969:

Database ID: GATA-P18099 (Also known as G08003, CHLC.GATA69F01,
CHLC.GATA69F01.P18099)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AACAAAGTGTTATGGGGGTG

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Right = CATATTCACCCAGTTGTTGC

Product Length = 365

Review complete sequence:

CAGGGAAATGCAAATCAAAACCACAATGAGTTATCTCCTCATACCTTTAAT
 GATGGCTAATATTAAACAAGAGATAACAAGTGTATGGGGGTGAG
 AAAAGAGAATGTNCGAACACTCTGGTGAAATATAAGTTGGTAGANCCA
 TTATGCAAAACAGTATGAATCTTATCAGTATAANATTAGGACCTNGCATA
 TGATCNCAGCAATCNCCACNTCTGNNGNATCNCACNCNCTATCTCTAT
 ATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
 ATCTGTCTGTCTATCATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
 CTATCTATCTGTCTATCTATNCGGAATATTTTCAAGCCATNNAATAAGG
AAGTCCGTCTATTGCAACAAACTGGGTGAATATGGAGAACGTTATGCTA
 AATGCAATATGCTAAAGACAGACACAGAAAGACAAGTATGACCTCACTTA
 TATGTGAAACTGAAAAAGCCATACTCATTACAGCAAAGAGTAGAAATGTT
 GGTTACCAGGGCAAAGAGGGTAGAAATGAGGGAGTGAGAAAATGTC
 AATCAAAGTGTAAAGAATGTTATAACATAAATAATTAGAG

Genbank ID: G08003

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA69F01.P18099 clone GATA69F01.

11. D18S1113:

Database ID: AFM200VG9 (Also known as D18S1113, 200vg9, w2403)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GTTGACTCAAGTCCAAACCTG

Right = CAAAGACATTGTAGACGTTCTCTG

Product Length = 207

Review complete sequence:

AGCTGCATATAAAACTATTCCATTTCACATTTGAAGACATTTGTAGCCA
 TGATACATTGCTGTTGTCGTGGGCCACCTCTTTGAAGTGTGTAGTTA
 ACTGTGCTCCTGTAATCTGTTGTCGTTGACTCAAGTCCAAACCTGTTCT
 GCGTGGCATGTTCTNCAACTGATGTGCTATTATCAGTTCTTTGA
 AGTTAAGTCTCTATGTCTTGTATTCTTCTGTGTACCCAGGGATATGTT
 GTGCATGCACACGCATAAACACACACACACACACACACACAGAGA
CAGAGACAGAGAACGTTACAATGTTGTGAG

12. D18S868:Database ID: GATA-D18S868 (Also known as G09150, CHLC.GATA3E12,
CHLC.GATA3E12.496, CHLC.496, D18S868)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGCCAATACCTTGTAGTAAATATCC

Right = GATTCTCCAGACAAATAATCCC

Product Length = 189

Review complete sequence:

GAGTGAGCCAATACCTTGTAGTAAATATCCATCTATCTTGATGTATCTAT
GTATCTATCTTGATCTATATGTCTATGTATCTATGTATGTATCTATCTAT
CTATCATCTATCTATCATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
ATCTATCTATATCCNTTGGGATTATTTGCTGGAGAATCCTGATTAACAT
AGTCTGCTAACTTTATCTGTATCCTATGTGTATGCTTCCTCTTCC
TGTCTCTCTCTCTTGTGCCTCATTTAANCTCCTTCCTGGGNATATTG
GNAATTGATTGGANTCTGGACANTGTAGGAGTAAAAATT

Genbank ID: G09150

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA3E12.P6553 clone GATA3E12.

13. WI-9959:

Database ID: MR12816 (Also known as D18S1251, G00-678-524, G05488, 9959)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGCCAACAGCAGTCAAGC

Right = AGCACCTGCAGCAGTAATAGC

Product Length = 110

Review complete sequence:

ctgttttatggaaaaaaaaatctgtctccaagaagaaaagtccattctACCTGTTGCCAACAGC
AGTCAAGCGGACATGTTAAAATTTTAAAAAGTATTTTTTTCCAACT
GGNGTTTAATAGCCTCATTTGGCTTTGCTATTACTGCTGCAGGTGCTT
TNATTTTTCTGCATTATAATTAC

Genbank ID: G05488

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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14. D18S537:

Database ID: CHLC.GATA2E06.13 (Also known as CHLC.13, GATA2E06, D18S537, GATA-D18S537)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCCATCTATCTTGATGTATCTATG

Right = AGTTAGCAGACTATGTTAACAGGA

Product Length = 191

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Review complete sequence:

AAAGCTGAGTGAGCCAATACCTTGTAGTAAATATCCATCTATCTTGATGT
ATCTATGTATCTATCTTGTATCTATATGTCTATGTATCTATGTATGTATGT
ATCTATCTATCATCTATCTATCATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTAT
CTATCTATCTATCATCTATCCNTTNGTATTATNGTCTGGNGAATCCTGAT
TAACATAGTCTGCTAACCTNTATCTGTATCTNCTATGTGTATGCTTCTNCT
TCTTCCTGTCTCTCTGCTTGTCCCTCAATTNAATCTCC

Genbank ID: G07990

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA2E06.P6006 clone GATA2E06.

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15. D18S483:

Database ID: AFM324WC9 (Also known as 324wc9, Z24399, D18S483)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TTCTGCACAATTCAATAGATTG

Right = GAACTGAGCAAACGAGTATGA

Product Length = 214

Review complete sequence:

AGCTCTGCTGGAAGAGCAGGGCTGTTTCTGCACAATTCAATAGATTCC
CCTACCCCTGGGTTTTCACTAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGTAGA
TAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATT
ATATATAGTATAAAAATCTACACACACACACACACACACACACACATA
TTTGCCTTCTTGACTATCATACTCGTTGCTCAGTTCTTTTTTTAA
ATTTTTGTTTGTAAATCCAAAATGCTT

Genbank ID: Z24399

Description: H. sapiens (D18S483) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

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16. D18S465:

Database ID: AFM260YH1 (Also known as 260yh1, Z23850, D18S465)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATATTCCCCTATGGAAGTACAG

Right = AAAGTTAATTTCAGGCACCT

Product Length = 232

Review complete sequence:

AGCTCTGTCCTCTAGAGAACGCTGACTAATAATTCCCCTATGGAAGTA
CAGATGGTTTNTAAAATAATTCTGATTGTGATGAGATAATCATCA

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TTTTTATGTTAGTGTCTAAATTATTGTTATTGTTTATACTCT
AAATGGTTTAAATATGCACATATGTGCATATTACACACACACACA
CACACACACACTCTTTATTAGAACATTAGATAGAGTCCTGAA
TTAACTTAACCAAGAAAAGACAATAAGGAACAATAGGGAAAGTTATCC
TTGCTAAGGGTATGGAAAATATTACACATATTATTATAACANGTTAAACC
AAGTCATGCTTGANTATAATAGCT

Genbank ID: Z23850

Description: *H. sapiens* (D18S465) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

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17. D18S968:

Database ID: GATA-P34272 (Also known as G10262, CHLC.GATA117C05,
CHLC.GATA117C05.P34272)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GAAATTAACCAGACACTCCTAAC

Right = CTTAGAATTGCCTTGCTGC

Product Length = 147

Review complete sequence:

GAATAAAAATATGAGGTATTAGAAATTACAGATAGGAAGAAATTAACCAG
ACACTCCTAACCCCGATNAGTTAAAGAGGAGATAGATAGATAGATGAT
AGATAGATAGATAGATAGATACCAC TGAAAATGCAANCACAAATTA
GCAGATTATGTGATGCAGCAAAGGCATTCAAGTAGATTCTAACTGC
TACATTGATAGCAGTACCCACTGACATTACCGGAAAGGATGGTATCCATA
ACCACCTACCTATACCTCCGCAGCTGGANATTAGGNTTAAGCTTCTTN
GGGCNCCTGGCGGCCCNNTGTGGTCCCCGGTNGGNCCCCGNTTNN
GNNTNGCTNNGNTTNCNTTGGNGNCCCCNNTNGTTNNGGNNNNNT
NNNNNTNGNNNNNTNCCNNNNNNNTNTNNNCNNNNNNNTNNNN
NNNNNNNNNGNNNNNGGN

Genbank ID: G10262

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA117C05.P34272 clone GATA117C05.

18. GATA-P6051:

Database ID: GATA-P6051 (Also known as CHLC.GATA3E08,
CHLC.GATA3E08.P6051)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GCAACAACCCTAATGAGTATACG

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Right = GAGTCTCACCAAGGGCTTACA

Product Length = 149

Review complete sequence:

AAAGCTGTCTCCTTTGTAAAGTGTGCTCAGAGGAATCTTTTCAGTAAAT
 AAAGTCTGCACCCAGACATCTCACTTTGTATACCACGGAGAATTACCAT
 GACTCTCTCAGTGATAAACGTCAAATATAGAATAATCAGGAGAAAAGAG
AAATCCAGTAAAGAAATAAGTCTGTAGAAAGCAACAAACCTAATGAGTAT
ACGATATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATG
NATCTATCTATCTAACATTATATAAAATATATATTTCCTCCTGTATTGGGG
CCCTGTGTGAAGCCCTGGTGAGACTCAAAAATTGANTATT CCTNTTN
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Genbank ID: G09104

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA3E08.P6051 clone GATA3E08.

19. D18S875:

Database ID: GATA-D18S875 (Also known as G08001, CHLC.GATA52H04, D18S875)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCCTCTCATCTCGGATATGG

Right = AAGGCTTCAGACTTACACTGG

Product Length = 394

Review complete sequence:

TTATTTTATTCACTCATTCAATAAAATTATGAATTTCCTTAATGGCNANG
AAAGTATGTTGGTACTGAATATGGTGAGCAAGGATTTCTCTCATCTCG
GATATGGAAAGATCTTGGAAATCATTATACTACNTCATACTTACAATANGAAAG
 AAGCTGAGCAATTGAAAATCAACAACTTCTTTGTACNTGTCAAGAAAAGT
 GAAGATATATTAATCAGGGTTCTCAGAGAAACATAACCAATAGGNACA
 GNTCTATATGNCCNCNTTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCNCTATCTAT
 CNCANACCNGNGAANTNATNTTGNAGATTNATGCAAGNCTGAGAAA
 NACCNAAGAANCTGCTCCCTGTNAAACTNGAGATNCAAGAANCTGAANA
 GTATAGNTCCAGTCCNAAGTCTANAGACCTAGAATTAGGAAACTGATA
CTATAAATACCAAGTGTAAAGTCTGAAAGCCTTAAANACCANATAGTGCCAT
TGAAAGGGCAGAAGACTGATGTCCCAGTTCAAGCAGGCAAAGTTAGAGA
 AGCCTTATTTCTGCAACATTGTTCTATTCAGACCCTTNANANGATTGACN
 ATGTCCACCCA

Genbank ID: G08001

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA52H04.P16177 clone GATA52H04.

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20. WI-2620:

Database ID: MR1436 (Also known as G03602, D18S890, HHAa12h3, 2620)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCTCCAAGCTATTGATTGGATAA

Right = TTAAGAGCCAATTTATATAAAAGCAGC

Product Length = 177

Review complete sequence:

CCCCTTTGCCAAACGCCATGCTTCACGTAGGGAGCCTGACATGCAGAAA
ACTCTCCAAGCTATTGATTGGATAAAGAGCCAGAGCTGACTGAATTCCAT
TCTTCTTGAGCCTCTCATTCTGTGTTCTCGAATTTTACCAAAGCATCTT
GACACACAAATATCTGACTCAAGGAAAAGGAAAAACAACGTCTTTCTC
CAGCTGCTTTATATAAATTGGCTCTAAACTTCTAAGTTATTATGGAT
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Genbank ID: G03602

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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21. WI-4211:

Database ID: MR6638 (Also known as G03617, D18S980, 4211)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATGCTTCAGGATGACGTAATACA

Right = AAATTCTCGCTGATTGGAGG

Product Length = 113

Review complete sequence:

CTAGTACCATAATCCCTTTGGAATAAACCATCCCACCTTAGTCAGANC
AGATGCTTCAGGATGACGTAATACATAATAAGCCTACTCAGTTCTACTCT
GGCTTGTATGCTCAAAGTGATATTTTTAAGTATTACTTGTCCCTCC
AATCAGCGAGAATT

Genbank ID: G03617

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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22. D18S876:

Database ID: GATA-D18S876 (Also known as G09963, CHLC.GATA61E10,
D18S876)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCAAACCTATAACTGCAGAGAACG

Right = ATGGTAAACCCTCCCCATTA

Product Length = 171

Review complete sequence:

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AAGACTGCAATTACATTGCATCAAAC TTATAACTGCAGAGAACGTTGCC
CACTATTTATACCACACAACAGTATTCTAGCCAGATTACATCTATCTAT
CTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCATCTATCTAGC
TAGCTATCTATCTATAGAAACTAATGGGGAGGGTTACCATGTTGGGTGA
ACCCAAACATTTATGGNCAAGGGNTGGAAAATTACCCTTATCTACAAAC
TNTTNAACTTGTTTGGTAGGNGTGNTATTCCNTGGGNTGGAAANAAC
TTTGNAATTTCCTCNTGTTNTNATTNNNNATTNNNTNNNCATTATTNTGG
GGTNTTCNGGGTGGAGGGCTNANTTGGCCNCCGGGTCCNNGGNGC
NAGTNGGNNNGGNTNNTNGGTTNCTGGGAANCNTNCCNCCTNCNG
GGGNTTCANGGGNTTTNTTNNTG
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Genbank ID: G09963

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA61E10.P17745 clone GATA61E10.

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23. GCT3G01:

Database ID: GCT-P10825 (Also known as G09484, CHLC.GCT3G01, CHLC.GCT3G01.P10825)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CTTTGCAATCTTAGTTAATTGGC

Right = GAACTATGATATGGAGTAACAGCG

Product Length = 128

Review complete sequence:

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AGATGTTAACTTGCAATCTTAGTTAATTGGCAGAAATGAAATTAGTT
CCACAACTTTATTGATATTAAAACACCACCATCAGCAGCAGCAGC
AGCAGCAGCAGCATCGCTGTTACTCCATATCATAGTTAGAGCATTAA
GNGGTCAAATATACAACTAGGCTGACACCNGNATAAGGTTAATTAA
ACCNGNGGTCTNCCCTCAAGGNGGTTTTTTCTTGNNTGGCTTCT
TTTCCNTTGCTTTGAAAATATCAAGGNATTGGTTNTTCNTGGN
ANTTNNCNNANTNNNTNNNCNCCCCCCNTTGNNGCGGGGTC
CCCNNNTGCCCCGGGGTTGNGTGCAGTAGGGGGTCNCGGGTNNNG
NAAGTTNGGGCCCT
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Genbank ID: G09484

Description: human STS CHLC.GCT3G01.P10825 clone GCT3G01.

24. WI-528:

Database ID: MH232 (Also known as G03589, 528, D18S828)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TTCTGCCTTCCTGACTGTC

Right = TGTTTCCCATGTCTTGATGA

Product Length = 211

Review complete sequence:

CTACTAAGCAAATTCTGCTCAGCCTTCTGCCTTCCTGACTGTCTGTTG
GCCCTTCCCACTTAAGGATGCCTGTTAAGTAGGCCACCTCTAATTAGGA
ATCTTCCCTGTTCTTCAGGAGGCTAGACACTGTCAGTTCTGAA
GACAGAAAATAAGCCTGCATTATCCTAGTAGTGGATTCAAAACTAATTGT
GTCCTGAGTCTTCATCATCAAGACATGGGAAACACTCAACAG

Genbank ID: G03589

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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25. WI-1783:

Database ID: MR432 (Also known as G03587, _shu_31.Seq, 1783,

D18S824)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CCAGTAATTAGACATTGACAGGTTTC

Right = TTTTACTAGACAGGCTTGATAAACAA

Product Length = 305

Review complete sequence:

CCAGTAATTAGACATTGACAGGTTCCATACTAGTAATGTAGGGAATAGGG
CTGCTGCTTTGGGTTCCCTTGAGTATACTTGTGCTGCATAATATGG
CAATGGATAGTAAATAATTGTATGCAGACCTTAGTGTGATTAAACCTGT
GAATAAGGAAACAACAATCAAGGACAAAAATCAAAAGACTAATTCTCTAT
ACATTTGAGCTTTGTAAAAAAAGTAAGATTAGCTGAATATATCTGAAAAAA
TTTCTAATCTCCTTACAATTAAATTGTGTTATCAAGCCTGTCTAGTAA
AAATAATTCAAGTTCGGAATGTGG

Genbank ID: G03587

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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26. D18S477:

Database ID: AFM301XF5 (Also known as 301xf5, Z24212, D18S477)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GGACATCCTTGATTGCTCATAA

Right = GATTGACTGAAAACAGGCACAT

Product Length = 243

Review complete sequence:

GGACATCCTGATTGCTCATAATACACTCATTCC~~TTT~~CACCATTGAGTGT
GCACATATTCCTGATTGGAAAGAACTACAGAGGAGGTTTACNTTTA
CTTCCAGTTGCTATTAAAGAGAGAAA~~ACTAACAGAGNGAA~~ATCAAGCA
ACTCAAACAACCTTACACACACACACACACACTCACAAAGATA
TTTGTT~~ACCATATGTATTGATG~~TGCTGTT~~TAGTC~~ATCCACAGGAA
GGGCTAAGGAGAGTGACATCTGGCTACATTAAAAGGACAGTCACATTG
CTCAAAGNACTCAAGTTAGCCCAGTACAGTAGCT

Genbank ID: Z24212

Description: *H. sapiens* (D18S477) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

Search for GDB entry

27. D18S979:

Database ID: GATA-P28080 (Also known as G08015, CHLC.GATA92C08,
CHLC.GATA92C08.P28080)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGCTTGCAGATAGCCTGCTA

Right = TACGGTAGGTAGGTAGATAGATTG

Product Length = 155

Review complete sequence:

CTCTACAGTCTCTNAC~~TTGGACTCCAGGACT~~TT~~CACCAGCAC~~CCTCAA
CATTCCC~~ACTGGGTTCTCAGGACT~~TT~~TATAGTTGACTGAGCCATGCCACT~~
GGATCCTAGGGTCTCC~~CAGCTTG~~CAGATAGCCTGCTATGGGACTTAATCT
TTGTAATAAGGTGAGTCAATTCTGCCAATAACCTACTT~~CATCTCTATCT~~
~~ATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCGAAT~~
CTATCTACCTACCTACCGTATTAGTTCTGTCTCTGGAGN

Genbank ID: G08015

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA92C08.P28080 clone GATA92C08.

28. WI-9340:

Database ID: UTR-05134 (Also known as G06102, D18S1034, 9340,
X60221)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGAGAGAACGAAATCTCTATCGG

Right = AGGCAGCAAGTTTATAAAAGGC

Product Length = 115

Review complete sequence:

ATGTATCTATCCCAATTGAGTCAGCTAGAAACAGTTGACTGACTAAATGG
AAACTAGTCTATTGACAAAGTCTTCTGTGGTGTCTACTGAAGTTAT
AGTTTACCCCTCCTAAAAATGAAAAGTTGTTCATATAGTGAGAGAACGA
AATCTCTATCGGCCAGTCAGATGTTCTCATCCTTCTGCTGCCTTG
AGTTGTTCCGTGATCATTCTGAATAAGCATTGCCTTATAAAAACTTGCT
GCCTGACTAAAGATTAACAGGTTAGTTAAATTGTAATTAAATTCTACC
ATCTTGCAATAAAGTGACAATTGAATG

Genbank ID: G06102

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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29. D18S466:

Database ID: AFM094YE5 (Also known as 094ye5, Z23354, D18S466)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ACACTGTAGCAGAGGCTTGACC

Right = AGGCCAAGTTATGTGCCACC

Product Length = 214

Review complete sequence:

aatgacacttaaggaggtaacactgtacqcaqqqctgaccaccaccagttctactagcactgagg
atgctctattggtggttaccccacacacgcatacatgcacacacacacacacacacacacacacacac
acacacacacacacaccatagcattccaaaccatcaatatgctatgcaataactgcattaaacagg~~t~~catg
cctgtgggtggcacataactggcctagaaaactggggacgtctgcattccctttattatcgaattgacttact
tgcattctgagttccctcagaagtaacttcaataacctctccattctgccttgancattgttgggtaccaag
tatagct

Genbank ID: Z23354

Description: H. sapiens (D18S466) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

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30. D18S1092:

Database ID: AFMA112WE9 (Also known as D18S1092, w5374, a112we9)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CTCTCAAAGTAAGAGCGATGTTGTA

Right = CCGAAGTAGAAAATCTTGGCA

Product Length = 163

Review complete sequence:

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agctctcaa~~aa~~gtaaqaqc~~q~~atgt~~ta~~actgactgagttgtgaan~~ttt~~gn~~ttt~~ggagt~~c~~agtggagcat
gttattaga~~at~~gt~~aa~~ttaacacacacacacacacacacacacacacacac~~g~~aga~~g~~ta~~a~~gt~~g~~cca~~a~~g
~~at~~tttctact~~c~~ggcgccata~~t~~tctataactgatttctgttccagact~~t~~gaatata~~g~~attgtcttctgn~~ttt~~at
catagacaatctcataataan~~t~~aggcataataaggta~~a~~tgagg~~g~~nttctggc~~t~~ttcatcatccctgca
at~~t~~tgagtc~~c~~n~~tt~~atagntgaant~~c~~tctctgt~~a~~ataacn~~c~~t~~t~~g~~ttt~~agct

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31. D18S61:

Database ID: AFM193YF8 (Also known as 193yf8, Z16834, D18S61)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATTTCTAAGAGGACTCCCAA~~T~~

Right = ATATTTGAAACTCAGGAGCAT

Product Length = 174

Review complete sequence:

CGTCTTACCAACCAACATAATATAGCAATGGNAACCAAAAATTTCTAAGA
GGACTCCC~~AA~~ACTACATTCTTCNCCTGAATTAAACACAGGCATTCAANA
NAAACANACGCACA
CCCTTCAAATCNTAGCATAAAATTCNTTATATAAACATAACCATGCTCCT
GAGTTTCAA~~AA~~ATTTGGGTGGTCGAAGTTCGAAGCAACAATTCCAGT
TAGTGCTATTANTTGTGGACAGCT

Genbank ID: Z16834

Description: H. sapiens (D18S61) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

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Markers (STRs) used in refining the candidate region.

Below the markers are shown that were used in family MAD31 to refine the candidate region. Most of these markers are already described above and will therefore only be mentioned by their name. For the additional markers, the information is given here.

Data was already shown for: D18S68, D18S55, D18S969, D18S1113, D18S483, D18S465, D18S876, D18S477, D18S979, D18S466 and D18S61.

New data:

1. D18S51:

Other names: UT574, (D18S379)

Primer sequences:

UT574a	GAGCCATGTTCATGCCACTG
UT574b	CAAACCCGACTACCAGAAC

DNA-sequence:

AATTGAGCNCAGGAGTTAAGACCAGCCTGGTAACACAGTGAGACCCC
TGTCTCTACAAAAAAATACAAAAATNAGTTGGCATGGTGGCACGTGCCT
GTAGTCTCAGCTACTGCAGGGCTGAGGCAGGAGGAGTTCTTGAGCCCA
GAAGGTTAAGGCTGCAGTGAGCCATGTTCATGCCACTGCACTTCACTCT
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GAAAGAAAGAAAGAANGAAAGAAAGAAAGTAAGAAAAGAGAGGGAAAG
AAAGAGAAANAGNAAANAATAGTAGCAACTGTTATTGTAAGACATCTCC
ACACACCAAGAGAAGTTAATTAAATTAAACATGTTAAGAACAGAGAGAAG
CCAACATGTCCACCTTAGGCTGACGGTTGTTATTGTGTTGTTGCTGG
TAGTCGGGTTGTTATTAAAGTAGCTTATCCAATACTTCATTAACAAT
TTCAGTAAGTTATTTCATCTTCAACATAAACAGNACAAGGATTCTTCT
GGTCAAGACCAAACTAATATTAGTCCATAGTAGGAGCTAATACTATCACA
TTTACTAAGTATTCTATTGCAATTGACTGTAGCCATAGCCTTTGTCG
GCTAAAGTGAGCTTAATGCTGATCGACTCTAGAG

GENBANK ID: L18333

2. D18S346.

Other name: UT575

Primer Pairs:

Primer A: TGGAGGTTGCAATGAGCTG

Primer B: CATGCACACCTAATTGGCG

DNA sequence:

ACGAGGACAGGAGTTCAAGACCAGCCTGGCCAACATGGTGAACCCCCGTT
TNTACTAAAANTACAAANTGGTCGGGAGGCTGGGCAGGNGACATGC

TTGACCCCAGGAGGTGGAGGTTGCAATGAGCTGAGATTGCACCACTGCA
CTNCAGCNTGG.....AAGAAAGAGAAAGGANAGNNAGGNAGNNANNAAC
TACATNTGAAGTCAACACTAGTATTGGTGGGAGAGGAATTTATGCTGCA
TTCCCCNACAACCACTAGATACGCCAATTAGGTGTGATGGTCCATGCTA
T

GenBank ID: L26588

3. D18S817.

Other name: UT6365

Primer Pairs:

Primer A: GCAAAGCAGAAGTGAGCATG

Primer B: TAGGACTACAGGCCTGTGC

DNA Sequence:

CATATGGGTCCACAAGCAACCTCAGTCCTGTCTTCAGAAGAAAGAAT
TCTACTGAGGNCATAAGGCAGAAGGAGAGACCTAGGCAAGTTGCAAAG
CAGAAGTGAGCATGTATTAAGCTTAGAACAGTAAGGAAAGGAAGAA
AAGAAAAGAAGGAAAGTTCAACTTGGAAAGAGGGCCAAGCCGGCAACTTG
GCAGAAGGATTGCTTGAGCCCAGGAGTTAACACCAGTCTGGGCAATATA
GTGAGACTCCATCTGCATACATACATACATACATACATACATACATACA
TACATACATATTGCAGGGTATGATGGCACACGCCCTGTAGTCCTAGCTACT
CTGGAGGTTGAGATGGGAGGGTCACTGAGCCTGGANTTGAGGCTGC
NNTGAGCCATGATC

GenBank ID: L30552

Characterisation of YACs.

8 YACs were selected covering the candidate region and flanking the gap. These YACs were further characterised by determining the end-sequences by the Inverse-PCR protocol.

Selected YACs: 961_h_9, 942_c_3, 766_f_12, 731_c_7, 907_e_1, 752_g_8, 717_d_3, 745_d_2

New STSs based on end-sequences (unless indicated otherwise, the STSs were tested on a monochromosomal mapping pannel for identifying chimaerism of the YAC; if the STS revealed a hit not on chromosome 18q - chimaeric YAC- then it is indicated in the text below):

1. SV32L.

Derived from YAC 745_d_2 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: GTTATTACAATGTCACCCCTCATT

Primer B: ACATCTGTAAGAGCTTCACAAACA

DNA-sequence:

ATTCCTTNGTTATTACAATGTCACCCCTCATTTAAAAAGTGGAAAGATAAAG
AGGAAGCAATCTATTTTTCTTCTTCTGATAGCACTTGTGTGAAG
CTCTTACAGATGTTCTTAAGTAAAATCAACTCCTCCATTTTTAGCA
ACTACACATATTATCAATAATAGTTCACAAATACATTCAAATT

Amplified sequence length: 107 basepairs (bp)

This STS has no clear hit on the monochromosomal mapping pannel.

2. SV32R.

Derived from YAC 745_d_2 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: ACGTTTCTCAATTGTTAGTC

Primer B: TGTCTTGGCATTATTTTAC

DNA sequence:

AGACAATGGGAGAAATTGCACTGCCCTGAGTCAGAAATCAGATCTGTTG
CCATACAGCTGCCGTTATGTGATCATTGCAAGTCAACGTTCTCAATTG
TTTAGTCATTGTAAGACAAAAGACTGGTTGGATTTCAGAGAATTGGA
ATCCTCCTTCAGGTTAACAGCAATAATGATACTCTTCAGTGAAAAAT
AATGCCAAGACATNATTGACTTAAATTCAAACAAAGATATC

Amplified sequence length: 127 bp

This STS has no clear hit on the monochromosomal mapping panel.

3. SV11L

Derived from YAC 766_f_12 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CTATGCTCTGATCTTGTACTTT

Primer B: ATTAACGGGAAAGAATGGTAT

DNA sequence:

GTCTTATTACATAACTATGCTCTGATCTTGTACTTTCTCCTTTAAC
TCAGTTAACGCTTATTCTTATTTCCAGCTGCTGAAGGTATATAGTTAGG
TTGTTATTGGATACCATTCTTCCCCTTAATGTCAGTGGTTACTGCTATC
AATGTAGCAGTTA

Amplified sequence length: 118 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between CHLC.GATA-p6051 and D18S968.

4. SV11R

Derived from YAC 766_f_12 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AAGGTATATTATTGTGTCG

Primer B: AAACTTTCTAACCTCATA

DNA sequence:

ATAAGGTATATTATTGTGTCGTGAGTTAAGAAATCATTAAATACTATTTT
CAGAATGACAAAATGTCATTATATGTTGAAAAAGATAAAATACGTGAAATI
ATGAGGTTAAGAAAAGTTTA

Amplified sequence length: 119 bp.

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01.

5. SV34L

Derived from YAC 717_d_3 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TCTACACATATGGGAAAGCAGGAA

Primer B: GCTGGTGGTTGGAGGTAGG

ACATAAAATGTCGCTAAAAACAATTATGTGTG~~T~~CTACACATATGGAAA
GCAGGAAACAAATTGTTACAACATACATTACTTTGTTTTAGGCAAG
ATAAAATNTCCTACCTCCAAAACCACCAGCACNGTCCGCAATAACTATAC
ATC

Amplified sequence length: 98 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18.

6. SV34R.

Derived from YAC 717_d_3 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: ATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATA

Primer B: TCTTGAGGAGGGTAGTC

DNA-sequence:

AATATCATTCTCACCCACGTTACATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATATTGT
CATCTCACATGGAAAATCTGCTGTGATCAGTTCTGAAGCTTGCTGTGA
TCCTCCCTTAGGAAAGTAGAAAAATCTTTGAAACACTTTATTCTACAAT
CAATGAAAATTAGGTGAAGCTACAGAACGCCAGAAATTACTCTAAGATTAG
ACAATTATTAAGANGACCAATTGTCTTGGCTCTCTGAAGGGTCTG
ACTACCCTCCTCCAAAGAATTCACTGGCCGTCGTTTACAACGTNTGA

Amplified sequence length: 244 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 1, therefore YAC 717_d_3 is chimaeric

7. SV25L.

Derived from YAC 731_c_7 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AAATCTCTTAAGCTCATGCTAGTG

Primer B: CCTGCCTACCAGCCTGTC

DNA sequence:

AGTGGAGAGATAGAAAGAGAGGAAGATTTTTTTAAATCTCTTAAGCT
CATGCTAGTGTAGGTGCTGGCAGGTCTGAACACTCTGTAGGACAGGCTG
GTAGGCAGGAA

Amplified sequence length: 72 bp

This STS has no clear hits on the monochromosomal mapping pannel.

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8. SV25R.

Derived from YAC 731_c_7 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TGGGGTGCCTGTTGT

Primer B: GAGATTTCATGCATTCTGTAA

DNA-sequence:

GGAGGGTGTNTCACANAAGTCTGGGGTGCCTGTTGTTCA
AAACCCCTTGANCATCTGGGAATGTGCTGCCACATGTCCAGGTAA
GTTCTCAGGAAGGGGAGGCTGGAAATCTCTGTGTGTTCTTACAGGAATG
CATGAAATCTCCCANCCCTCTTGTGGAAATTCCCTCACTTT

Amplified sequence length: 136 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 7; therefore YAC 731_c_7 is chimaeric

9. SV31L.

Derived from YAC 752_g_8 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: GAGGCACAGCTTACCAAGTTCA

Primer B: ATTCACTTCTCATTTATCC

DNA-sequence:

CTTCTCNATGANTGGACAAATGTCATTGGGTCA
GAGGCACAGCTTACCAAGTTCA
ACCAGTTCA
GTAATTGCGTCACTTGAGGAATTATTGACCTTT
CACAACAATGAGGGTGAAGTTAGTAAAATAA
TGAGGATAA
AATGAGAAAATGAATTNAGTGCTTAAGACAATGCTGGTA
ACTAGTTAAN
CCG

Amplified sequence length: 178 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01.

10. SV31R.

Derived from YAC 752_g_8 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CAAGATTATGCCTCAACT

Primer B: TAAGCTCATAATCTCTGGA

DNA sequence:

AAACTTTAACCAATTAAACTCCCTAACAGTTCTATAAAATAAGCAAGATT
ATGCCTCAACTTTATGGATAAAGAAATGGAGGCTTAAGAGATAACTAAC
TTGCCCAAGGCCACACAAGTGACTGAGTAAGAATTGCAAAGCCAATGAG
TCTGGCTCCAGAGATTATGAGCTTAATCACCACACTGTGCCACCTCCTGT
GTTTCCTGG

Amplified sequence length: 131 bp

This STS has no clear hits on the monochromosomal mapping pannel and gives no information concerning the chimaerity of the YAC.

11. SV10L.

Derived from YAC 942_c_3 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TCACTGGTTGGTTAACATTACT
Primer B: TAGAAAAACAGTTGCATTTGATAT

DNA-sequence:

GGTNTTCACTGGTGGTAACATTACTCTAAGTTTTATTGTTTTTA
TGCTATTGCTAATGGATTGCTTTCTTAATTATTTTTCCAATAGCTTGT
TGTTAGTTATCAAATGCAACTGTTTCTATGCAAATTATGTTCCT

Amplified sequence length: 130 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between CHLC.GATA-p6051 and D18S968

12. SV10R.

Derived from YAC 942_c_3 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AACCCAAAGGGAGCACAACTG
Primer B: GGCAATAGGCTTCCAACAT

DNA sequence:

TTGGTGGTGCCTAGGTTGGCAATTATAAAATAAGCTGCTACAAACATT
CATGTGCAGGTCTCCGTGTGGACATAATTTCAGTCATTGGTAAAAA
CCCAAGGGAGCACAACTGTTGGATCCTATNATAAAAATATNTCTCGTTTC
ATTTAAAAAAACCTGGAAACTATCTNCCCACAGTGGCTGTCCTTTTGT
ATCCCCACCAACAATGTTGGAAAGCCTATTGCCANCAT

Amplified sequence length: 135 bp

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This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01

13. SV6L.

Derived from YAC 961_h_9 left arm end-sequence.

No primer was made, because this sequence is identical to a known STR marker D18S42, which is indeed mapped to this region.

Primer A:

Primer B:

DNA sequence:

CATGNCTCACAGTGTCTGAGGGCTGCTCTGGACATGCAATCTTCATGC
TTTTGTCACTGACAGGCTTAAANAGTTATCAGCTNCTCAAATAGCTGAA
TGACACAAACACTGGATTTTGTCAAATANCCTATCAACTTGGCNTCTGT
GTTGCCGTTGTCACTTGGTAACAAAATAAGTC

Amplified sequence length:

SV6L recognises D18S42 which must be therefore located between WI-7336 and WI-8145

14. SV6R.

Derived from YAC 961_h_9 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TTGTGGAATGGCTAAGT

Primer B: GAAAGTATCAAGGCAGTG

DNA sequence:

TAATTGACAAATAAAATTGTATATTTNCATATTTAACATGTTATGCTAAC
ATATATATGGATTGTGGAATGGCTAAGTCAGAAATTCTTTACATTCTAT
TTCCATATTATTTACTTTNNGCTTAAAAATATGTAATGANAATACTTAT
TTTTTCAGTGTCACTGCCTTGATACTTTCACATTNNGTTACATATTATT
CCCTTCATCTAACAAATATATTGAGTTCTATAATGTGTCTGACACTG
A

Amplified sequence length: 122 bp

SV6R amplifies a segment on chromosome 18. This segment must be located between WI-2620 and WI-4211

15. SV26L.

Derived from YAC 907_e_1 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TATTTGGTTTGTTGCTGAGGT

Primer B: CAAGAAGGATGGATACAAACAAG

DNA sequence:

TGGTCACTGGTGCCTTATTTGGTTGTTGCTGAGGTCATATTCCTGTGCCTTCATGCTTGATTTGGAGTCTAGCCATGAAAANTCTGTTGGAG
TCTAGGCATTTAAAAAAATAGGTATTTATTGTAATCTTGCCATTGGCTTGT
TTGTATCCATCCTCTGGAAAGGCTTACAGGCATTCAAAGG

Amplified sequence length: 154 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 13; therefore YAC 907_e_1 is chimaeric.

16. SV26R.

Derived from YAC 907_e_1 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CGCTATGCATGGATTAA

Primer B: GCTGAATTAGGATGTAA

DNA sequence:

CGCTATGCATGGATTAAACTGAGTGTAGTGCACTCACTATGTTGCAGTC
TCTTATTCTAGGTTCCTAATATTACATCCTAAATTCAGCT

Amplified sequence length: 90 bp

no clear hits on monochromosomal mapping panel: no information concerning chaemericity at this side of the YAC

Testing of 3 end-sequences flanking the gap in additional YACs: STS-markers WI-4211, D18S876 and GCT3G01 are also shown in order to identify YACs on opposite sides of the gap more clearly in table 3 below.

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YACs	STSs					
	WI-4211	D18S876	SV31L	SV11R	SV10R	GCT3G01
10	940_b_1	+	+	+	-	-
	766_f_12	+	+	+	-	-
	846_a_5	+	- ?	+	-	-
	752_g_8	+	+	+	-	-
	745_d_2	+	+	+	-	-
	961_c_1	+	+	-	-	-
	942_c_3	+	+	+	+	-
15	717_d_3	-	-	+	+	- ?
	972_e_11	-	-	-	-	+
	940_h_10	-	-	-	+	+
	821_e_7	-	-	-	+	+
	731_c_7	-	-	-	-	+
	889_c_4	-	-	-	+	+
	907_e_1	-	-	-	+	+

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- +: positive hit / -: no hit / ?: 2 instances were observed in which a positive hit was expected (on the assumed order of the markers) but not observed. The reasons for this are not clear.

YAC 745.d.2 was excluded from further analysis since there was no clear hit with chromosome 18. Of the remaining 7 from a monochromosomal mapping panel it was determined that 3 were chimeric and 4 non-chimeric as shown in Table 4 below.

TABLE 4

	<u>YAC</u>	<u>chimaeric</u>	<u>chromosome</u>
5	961_h_9 (6)	no	
	942_c_3 (10)	no	
	766_f_12 (11)	no	
	731_c_7 (25)	yes	chromosome 7
	907_e_1 (26)	yes	chromosome 13
10	752_g_8 (31)	no	
	717_d_3 (34)	yes	chromosome 1

15 For the non-chimeric YACs the STS based on the end-sequence flanking the gap (10R, 11R, 31L) was tested on 14 YACs flanking the gap. Overlaps between YACs on opposite sides of the gap were demonstrated: e.g. the "11R" end-sequence (766.f.12) detects YAC 766.f.12 and YAC 907.e.1.

20 YACs were then selected comprising the minimum tiling path:

TABLE 5

25	.	.	.
	<u>YAC</u>	<u>size</u>	<u>chimaerity</u>
	961_h_9	1180 kb	not chimaeric
	766_f_12	1620 kb	not chimaeric
	907_e_1	1690 kb	chimaeric (chr. 13)

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These three YACs are stable as determined by PFGE and their sizes roughly correspond to the published sizes. These YACs were transferred to other host-yeast strains for restriction mapping.

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Experimental 2Construction of fragmentation vector:

5 A 4.5kb ECORI/SalI fragment of pBLC8.1 (Lewis et al, 1992) carrying a lysine-2 and a telomere sequence was directionally cloned into GEM3zf(-) digested with ECORI/SalI. Subsequently, an End Rescue Site was ligated into the EcoRI site. Hereto, two
10 oligonucleotides (strand 1: 5'-TTCGGATCCGGTACCATCGAT-
 3' AND STRAND 2: 3'-GCCTAGGCCATGGTAGCTATT-5') were
 ligated into a partial (dATP) filled ECORI site,
 generating the vector pDF1. Triplet repeat containing
15 fragmentation vectors were constructed by cloning of a
 21bp and a 30bp CAG/CTG adapter into the Klenow-filled
 PstI site of pDF1. Transformation and selection
 resulted in a (CAG)₇ and a (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector
 with the orientation of the repeat sequence 5' to 3'
 relative to the telomere.

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Yeast transformation:

25 Linearised (digested with SalI) vector was used
 to transform YAC clones 961.h.9, 766.f.12 or 907.e.1
 using the LiAc method. After transformation the YAC
 clones were plated onto SDLys⁻ plates to select for
 the presence of the fragmentation vector. After 2-3
 days colonies were replica plated onto SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁻
 and SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁺ plates. Colonies growing on the
30 SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁺ plates but not on the SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁻
 plates contained the fragmented YACs.

Analysis of fragmented YACs:

35 Yeast DNA isolated from clones with the correct

phenotype was analysed by Pulsed Field Electrophoresis (PFGE), followed by blotting and hybridisation with the Lys-2 gene and the sizes of the fragmented YACs were estimated by comparison with DNA standards of known length.

End Rescue:

10 Fragmented YACs characterised by a size common to other fragmented YACs, indicative of the presence of a major CAG or CTG triplet repeat, were digested with one of the enzymes from the End Rescue site, ligated and used to transform E. Coli. After growth of the transformed bacteria the plasmid DNA was isolated and 15 the ends of the fragmented YACs, corresponding to one of the sequences flanking the isolated trinucleotide repeats, were sequenced.

Sequencing revealed that fragmented YACs of an equal length were all fragmented at the same site. A 20 BLAST Search of the GenBank database was performed with the identified sequences to identify homology with known sequences. The complete sequence spanning the CAG or CTG repeats of the fragmented YACs was obtained by Cosmid Sequencing, employing sequence 25 specific primers and splice primers, as previously described (Fuentes et al. 1992 Hum.Genet. 101: 346-350) or by using the "genome walker" kit (Clontech Laboratories, Palo Alto, USA) and described in Siebert et al. Nucleic Acid Res (1995) 23(6): 1087-1088 and 30 Siebert et al. (1995) CLONTECHniques X(II): 1-3.

Results:

A YAC 961.h.9 clone was transformed with the 35 (CAG)₇ or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. The CTG vector

did not reveal the presence of any CTG repeat. Analysis of twelve (CAG)₇ fragmented YACs showed that five of these had the same size of approximately 100kb. End Rescue was performed with ECORI and sequencing of three of these fragments revealed that they all shared the terminal sequence shown in italics in Figure 15a. A BLAST search of the Genbank database with this sequence indicated the presence of a sequence homology with the CAP2 gene (GenBank accession number: L40377). The sequence spanning the CAG repeat shown in Figure 15a was obtained by both cosmid sequencing and genome walker sequencing. The sequence was mapped between markers D18S68 and WI-3170 by STS content mapping.

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A YAC 766-f-12 was fragmented using the (CAG)₇ or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. Again the (CTG)₁₀ vector did not reveal the presence of any CTG repeat. Analysis of twenty (CAG)₇ fragmented YACs showed the presence of two groups of fragments with the same size: five of approximatively 650kb and two of approximatively 50kb.

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End Rescue was performed using ECORI on four of the fragmented YACs of 650kb. Sequencing confirmed that they all shared identical 3' terminals, characterised by the sequence shown in italics in Figure 16a. A Blast Search showed homology of this sequence with the Alu repeat sequence family. The sequence spanning the CAG repeat shown in Figure 16a was obtained by cosmid sequencing. The sequence was mapped between markers WI-2620 and WI-4211 by STS content mapping on the YAC contig map.

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End Rescue was also performed on the two fragments of 50kb. Sequencing revealed the sequence shown in

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italics in figure 17a. A Blast Search revealed no

sequence homology with any known sequence. Cosmid sequencing allowed to identify the complete sequence spanning the CAG repeats, shown in figure 17a. The sequence was mapped between markers D18S968 and
5 D18S875 by STS content mapping on the YAC contig map.

A YAC 907-e-1 clone was transformed with the (CAG)₇ or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. The (CAG)₇ vector did not reveal the presence of any CAG repeat.
10 Analysis of twenty-six (CTG)₁₀ fragmented YACs revealed that twenty-one of them had the same size of approximatively 900kb. End Rescue was performed with KpnI on three fragmented YACs of this size. Sequencing revealed the nucleotide sequence shown in italics in
15 Figure 18a. A Blast Search indicated the presence of an homology of this sequence with the GCT3G0I marker (GenBank accession number: G09484). The sequence spanning the CTG repeat was obtained from the GenBank Database. The sequence was mapped between markers 10R
20 and WI-528.

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CLAIMS:

1. Use of an 8.9 cM region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment thereof for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder.
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- 10 2. Use of a YAC clone comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or
15 related disorder.
- 20 3. The use as claimed in claim 2 wherein said portion comprises the region of chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment of said region.
- 25 4. The use as claimed in claim 2 or 3 wherein said YAC clone is 961.h.9, 942.c.3, 766.f.12, 731.c.7, 907.e.1, 752-g-8 or 717.d.3.
5. The use as claimed in claim 4 wherein said YAC clone is 961.h.9, 766.f.12 or 907.e.1.
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- 30 6. The use as claimed in any preceding claim wherein said mood disorder or related disorder is selected from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, version 4 (DSM-IV) taxonomy and includes mood disorders (296.XX, 300.4, 311, 301, 13, 295.70), schizophrenia and related disorders (295, 35 297.1, 298.9, 297.3, 298.9), anxiety disorders

(300.XX, 309.81, 308.3), adjustment disorders (309, XX) and personality disorders (codes 301. XX).

7. A method of identifying at least one human
5 gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants
thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or
related disorder which comprises detecting nucleotide
triplet repeats in a region of human chromosome 18q
disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and
10 D18S979.

8. A method of identifying at least one human
gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants
thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or
15 related disorder which comprises fragmentation of a
YAC clone as defined in any one of claims 2 to 4 and
detection of nucleotide triplet repeats.

9. A method as claimed in claim 7 or 8 wherein
20 said repeated triplet is CAG or CTG.

10. A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein said
repeated triplet is detected by means of a probe
comprising at least 5 CTG and/or CAG repeats.

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11. A method of identifying at least one human
gene including mutated or polymorphic variants
thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or
related disorder wherein said gene is present in the
30 DNA comprised in the YAC clones as defined in any one
of claims 2 to 5, which method comprises the step of
detecting an expression product of said gene with an
antibody capable of recognising a protein with an
amino acid sequence comprising a string of at least 8
35 continuous glutamine residues.

12. A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein said DNA forms part of a human cDNA expression library.

13. A method as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12
5 wherein said antibody is mAB 1C2.

14. A method of preparing a contig map of YAC clones of the region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 which comprises
10 the steps of:

(a) subcloning the YAC clones according to any one of claims 2 to 5 into exon trap vectors;

15 (b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other known sequence tagged sequence from the YAC contig described herein, or part thereof consisting of not less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement thereof, to detect
20 overlaps among the cosmid vectors, and

(c) constructing a cosmid contig map of a YAC clone of said region.

25 15. A method of identifying at least one human gene or any mutated or polymorphic variant thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

30 (a) transfecting mammalian cells with DNA sequences cloned into an exon trap vector as prepared in claim 14;

35 (b) culturing said mammalian cells in an appropriate medium;

(c) isolating RNA transcripts expressed from an SV40 promoter;

5 (d) preparing cDNA from said RNA transcripts;

10 (e) identifying splicing events involving exons of the DNA subcloned into said exon trap vector in accordance with claim 14 to elucidate positions of coding regions in said subcloned DNA;

15 (f) detecting differences between said coding regions and equivalent regions in the DNA of an individual afflicted with said mood disorder or related disorder; and

20 (g) identifying said gene or mutated or polymorphic variants thereof which is associated with said mood disorder or related disorder.

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16. A method of identifying at least one human gene or mutated or polymorphic variants thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

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(a) subcloning the YAC clones according to any one of claims 2 to 5 into a cosmid, BAC, PAC or other vector;

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(b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other known sequence tagged sequence from the YAC contig described herein, or part thereof consisting of not less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement thereof, to detect 35 overlaps amongst the subclones and construct a map

thereof;

(c) identifying the position of genes within
the subcloned DNA by one or more of CpG island
identification, zoo-blotting, hybridization of said
subcloned DNA to a cDNA library or a Northern blot of
mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines;

(d) detecting differences between said genes
and equivalent regions of the DNA of an individual
afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder;
and

(e) identifying said gene which, if
defective, is associated with said mood disorder or
related disorder.

17. An isolated human gene, including mutated or
polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with
a mood disorder or related disorder which is
obtainable by the method according to any of claims 7
to 13, 15 or 16.

18. A human protein which, if defective, is
associated with a mood disorder or related disorder
which is the expression product of the gene according
to claim 17.

19. A cDNA encoding the protein of claim 18 which
is obtainable by the method of any one of claims 7 to
13, 15 or 16.

20. Use of a probe of at least 14 contiguous
nucleotides of the cDNA of claim 19 or the complement
thereof in a method for detection in a patient of a

pathological mutation or genetic variation associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises hybridizing said probe with a sample from said patient and from a control individual.

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21. A nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides as shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a.

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22. A nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides which differ from a sequence of nucleotides as shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

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23. A protein encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 21.

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24. A protein encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 22.

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25. A method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises analysing a sample of DNA from that individual for the presence of a DNA polymorphism associated with a mood disorder or related disorder in a region of chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979.

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26. A method as in claims 25 wherein said DNA polymorphism is a trinucleotide repeat expansion.

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27. A method as in claim 26 wherein said trinucleotide repeat expansion is comprised in a

sequence of nucleotides that differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a only in said trinucleotide repeat expansion.

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28. A method as in claim 26 or 27 which comprises the steps of:

- 10 a) obtaining a DNA sample from said individual;
- 15 b) providing primers suitable for the amplification of a nucleotide sequence comprised in the sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a said primers flanking the trinucleotide repeats comprised in said sequence;
- 20 c) applying said primers to the said DNA sample and carrying out an amplification reaction;
- 25 d) carrying out the same amplification reaction on a DNA sample from a control individual; and
- 30 e) comparing the results of the amplification reaction for the said individual and for the said control individual;
wherein the presence of an amplified fragment from said individual which is bigger in size from that of said control individual is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

35 29. A method as in claim 28 wherein said

nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 15a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 15b.

5 30. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 16a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 16b.

10 31. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 17a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 17b.

15 32. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 18a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 18b.

20 33. A method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises the steps of :

25 a) obtaining a protein sample from said individual; and

 b) detecting the presence of the protein of claim 24;

30 wherein the presence of said protein is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

35 34. A method as in claim 33 wherein said protein is detected with an antibody which is capable of

recognising a string of at least 8 continuous glutamines.

35. A method as in claim 34 wherein said antibody is mAB 1C2.

36. A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 for use as a medicament in the treatment of a mood disorder or related disorder.

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37. A protein as claimed in claim 23 for use as a medicament in the treatment of a mood disorder or related disorder.

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38. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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39. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a protein as claimed in claim 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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40. An expression vector which comprises a sequence of nucleotides as claimed in claims 21 or 22.

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41. A reporter plasmid which comprises the promoter region of a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 21 or 22 positioned upstream of a reporter gene which encodes a reporter molecule so that expression of said reporter gene is controlled by said promoter region.

42. A cell line transfected with the expression vector of claim 40.

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43. An eukaryotic cell or multicellular tissue or organism comprising a transgene encoding a protein as claimed in claims 23 or 24.

5 44. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

10 a) contacting a cell as claimed in claim 42 with said compound;

15 b) detecting and/or quantitatively evaluating the presence of any mRNA transcript corresponding to a nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 or 22; and

20 c) comparing the level of transcription of said nucleic acid with the level of transcription of the same nucleic acid in a cell as claimed in claim 42 not exposed to said compound;

25 45. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

30 a) contacting a cell as claimed in claim 42 with said compound;

 b) detecting and/or quantitatively evaluating the expression of a protein as claimed in claims 23 or 24 and

35 c) comparing the level of expression of said

protein with that of the same protein in a cell not exposed to said compound.

46. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

10 a) contacting a cell transfected with a reporter plasmid as claimed in claim 41 with said compound;

15 b) detecting or quantitatively evaluating the amount of reporter molecule expressed; and

c) comparing said amount with the amount of expression of said reporter molecule in a cell comprising said reporter plasmid and not exposed to said compound.

20 47. A compound identified as an enhancer or an inhibitor of the expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder by a method as claimed in claims 44 to 46.

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FIG. 1.

GTCTTTATTCATATAACTATGCTCTGATCTTGTTACTTCTCCTTAAC
TCAGTTAACGCTTATTCTTATTTCCAGCTGCTGAAGGTTATAGTTAGG
TTGTTTATTGGATACCATTCTTCCCGTTAATGTCAGTGGTACTGCTATC
AATGTAGCAGTTA

FIG. 2.

ATAAGGTATATTATTGTGTCGTGAGTTAAGAAATCATTATAACTATTTT
CAGAATGACAAAATGTCATTATATGTTGAAAAAAGATAAATACGTGAAATI
ATGAGGTTAAGAAAAGTTA

FIG. 3.

ACATAAAATGTCGCTAAAAACAATTATGTTGTGTCTACACATATGGAAA
GCAGGAAACAAATTGTTACAACATACATTACTTTGTTTTAGGCAAG
ATAAAATNTCCTACCTCCAAAACCACCAGCGCACNGTCCGCAATAACTATAC
ATC

FIG. 4.

AATATCATTCTTACCCACGTTATACATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATATTGT
CATCTCACATGGAAAATCTGCTGTGATCAGTTCTGAAGGCTTGCTGTGA
TCCTCCCTTAGGAAAGTAGAAAAATCTTTTGAACACTTTATTCTACAAT
CAATGAAAATTAGGTGAAGCTACAGAAGCCAGAAATTACTCTAAGATTAG
ACAATTATTAAGANGACCAATTGTCTTGGCTTCTCTGAAGGGTCTG
ACTACCCTCTCCAAAGAATTCACTGGCGTCTTTACAACGTCNTGA

FIG. 5.

GGAGGGTGTNTCACANAAGTCTGGGTGCGCTGTGTTGTTCATTGTAA
AAACCCCTTGGANCATCTGGGAATGTGCTGCCCCCACATGTCAGGTAAC
GTTCTCAGGAAGGGGAGGCTGGAAATCTCTGTGTTCTTACAGGAATG
CATGAAATCTCCANCCCCCTTGTGGGAAATTCCCTCACTTT

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FIG. 6.

CTTCTCNATGANTGGACAAATGTCATTGGGTAGCATGAGGCACAGCTT
ACCAGTTCAGATTCCAGTAGCTGAGGAACAAATCTAACCTCCAAAAATAA
 GTAATTGCGTCACTTGAGGAATTATTGACCTTTCTAACTTGACAT
 CACAACAATGAGGGTGAAGTTAGTAAAATAATGATTATTATGAGGATAA
AATGAGAAAATGAATTNAGTGCTTAAGACAATGCTTGGTAACTAGTTAAN
 CCG

FIG. 7.

GGTNTTTCACTGGTGGTTAACATTACTCTAACGTTTTTATTGTTTTTA
 TGCTATTGCTAATGGATTGCTTTCTTAATTTTTTCCAATAGCTTGT
TGTTAGTTATATCAAATGCAACTGTTTCTATGCAAATTATGTTTCCT

FIG. 8.

TTGGTGGTCCCTAGGTTGGCAATTATAAATAAGCTGCTACAAACATT
 CATGTGCAGGTCTCGTGTGGACATAATTTCCAGTTCATTGGTAAAA
CCCAAGGGAGCACAACTGTTGGATCCTATNATAAAATNTCTCGTTC
ATTTAAAAAAACCTGGAAACTATCTNCCCACAGTGGCTGTCCTTTGT
ATCCCCACCAACAATGTTGGAAAGCCTATTGCCANCAT

FIG. 9.

CATGNCTCACAGTGTCTGAGGCTGCTGGACATGCAATCTGCATGC
TTTGTCATGACAGGTCTAAANAGTTATCAGCTNCTCAAATAGCTGAA
TGACANAACACTGGATTGTTCAAATANCCTATCAACTTGGCNTCTGT
GTTGCGGTGTCACTTGGTAACAAAATAAGTC

FIG. 10.

TAATTGACAAATAAAATTGTATATTNCATATTAACATGTTATGCTAAC
ATATATATGGATTGGAATGGCTAAAGTCAGAAATTCTTTACATTCATAT
TTCCATATTATTTACTTNNGCTTAAAAAATGTAATGANAATACTTAT
TTTTTCAGTGTCACTGCCTTGATAACTTCACATTNNGTTACATATTATT
CCCTNCATCTAACAAATATATTGAGTTCTATAATGTGTCTGACACTG
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FIG. 11.

TGGTCACTGGTGCCTTATTGGTTGTTGCTGAGGTCATATTCCTGTG
GCCTTCATGCTTGATTGTTGGAGTCTAGCCATGTAAAANTCTGTTGGAG
TCTAGGCATTAAAAATAGGTATTATTGTAATCTTGCCATTGCTTGT
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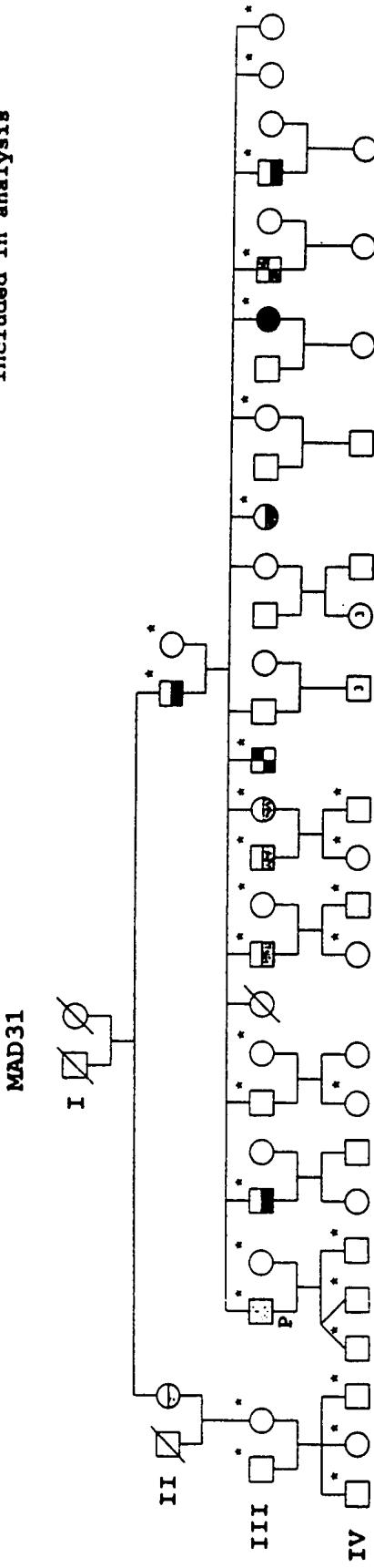
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healthy male/female
deceased male/female
BPI
BPII
UP
MDD
SAM
SAD
P proband
* included in analysis

FIG 12.



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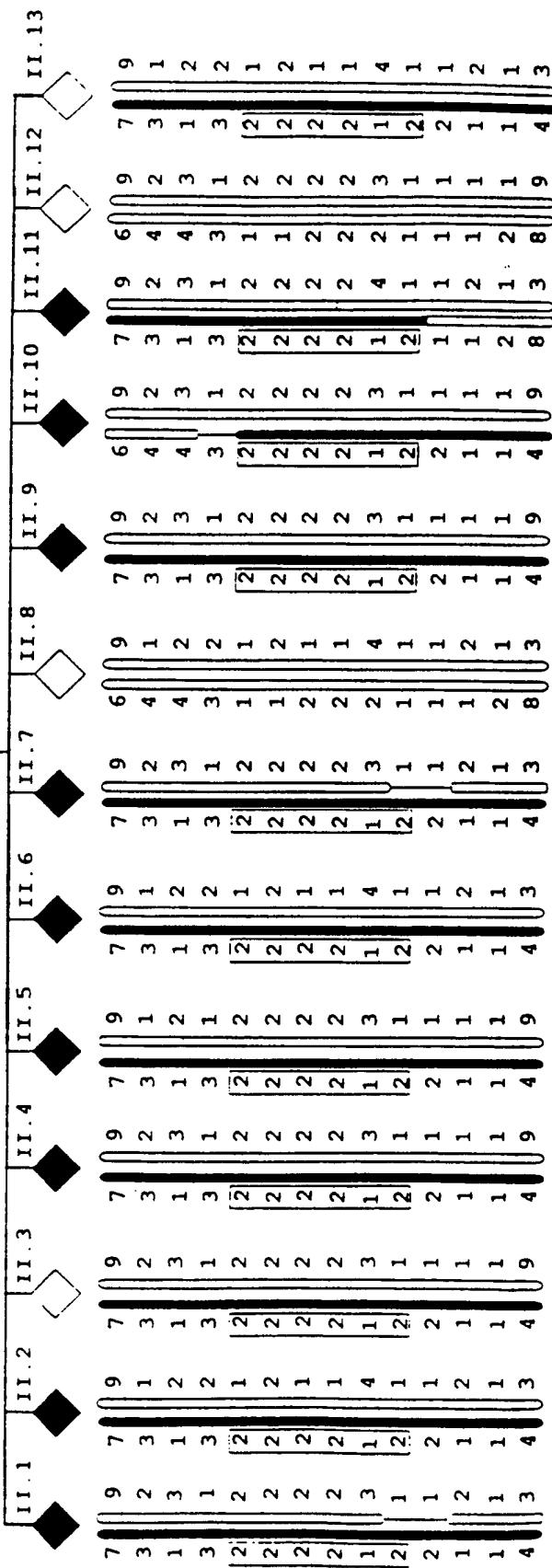
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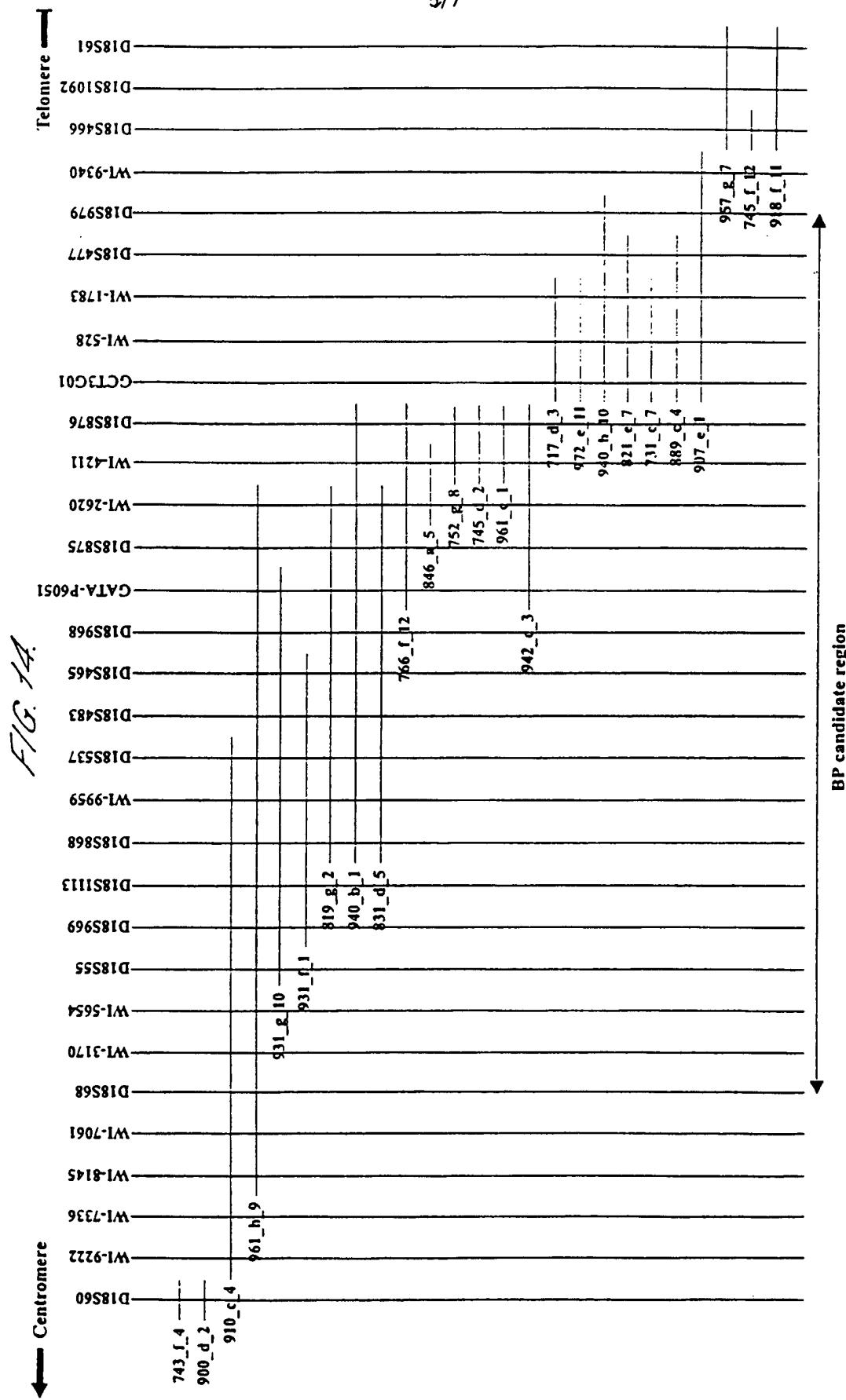
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FIG. 15a.

GCCAACAAACAAAATGAAATAAGACCTGGGATGTATTTTGCCTAACGGCAATTAGAAA
ATGATTAGTATCCTTATCAGGAGCAATTCAAGAGAATGTTGGGTGGACGTCTAACTACA
GTGGAGTCAAACGTGAATCAACGGTAAAAAAGGACAATAGCCAATGTGTACACTTTT
ATAAAAAACCACCCCTCCAAGGACCAGGCAGTGGCCCTCTCCGGTGCCCACAGACATC
CACACAGGCCAAAGAACATCAGGGATTGCACAAGCCAGAGCAATCGAACGGTTCTGAGT
CATCTGCCGGAAGCCTGCCCTCAATCAAGGCGGACGTGAAGCATCTACAAAGGAGGA
ATAGTCAAAGCAGCAGCGGGCGGCGGGCGGCAGCAGCAGCAGCAGCAG
AGGTGGGGCCTCTGCCAGGTACCGGGCGGGCAGGCACGGAGGTGCCAGGTT
CCCGCGGAGGCCACCTCTTCCCTGGAGTGCCTGAGAGAGGGGAAGGGAGGAAGG
CCAGAGCAGGAATCAGAGCGAGGCAAAGGCGGGCAGGAACACTXGAGAATGACS
GCGGGAGGCGGCCGGAAAGAAAXTCTCGGGCTGTGGGGTCXCCCTGGCACC
AGCCGGGGTCCCAAGCCCCACCGCGAGACCCCCCGCA

FIG. 15b.

5'-ATCGAACGGTTCTGAGTCATCT
5'-CGCTCTGATTCTGCTCTG

FIG. 16a.

TTCAGTAGAAGGAAGCACAGCAAATTGCCTTATAGAGATTCAATTCTGGTGCTTGG
GCCAAAGAATAAGAATTACATTAAGCAGGCCGGCACGGTGGCTCACACCTGTAAAC
CAGAACTTGGGAGGCCGAGGCAGGCAGATCATGAGGTCAAGGAGATCGAGACCATCC
TGGACAACATAGTGAACACCCATCTCTACTAAAAATAACAAAATTAGCCGGGATGGTG
GTGCATGCCCTGTAATCCCAGCTACTCAGGAGGCCGGAGGAATCCCTTGAACCA
GGGAGTGGAGGTTGCAGTGAGCCGAGATCACGCCACAGCACTCTAGCCTGGCGACA
GAGTGAGACTCCATCTCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAATTACATTAAGCAGCAGC
AGCAGCACTGASAGAGGAAKAATGAAAGAAGAAATTCTAGAATAAGATTGA
TCTCCAGCACCATGCCAATCATGGACTGGATACAATTATGCATATCTTTGTGA
GAGAGGTGAGAGATGTGAATCCTTCTCATT

FIG. 16b.

5'-AGAAGGAAGCACAGCAAATTG
5'-GCATGGTGCTGGAGATCAAT

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FIG. 17a.

TGGGAGTTAACGACATTCGGCTTNGTGTGCCAGAGTTCAACATAAGTTCTTTT
CATCTGGGCAGGCNGATGTTCCATCTTGAAGNACNGTCTTTCATTTTTTTAT
TTNGCTTTGGSKTTATCTTCTAGACGTCTCAGGAGTTKGATTGTAGKTAAGGCAG
ATTAGTTGACTGGGCTTGTGAAATTTAAAGGGCAAGTCCCTGGCTGCAT
ATTCTTACTCTGGGGCTTAGTACTGGCCCTAAATTG1TCTCTGGCTCCTCAAGGTT
AGAAATCTGCTGGCTGGAGGGCTGAGATGTTCTGACTGCTGGCCAGAACATTCCG
CCGGGGGGTGGCAACCGAAGTGTTCCTTGGCAATGGCAGCAGAATTGATTGTT
TTCATGTRCCAGCAGCAGTGGCAGCGCAKTGAGTTGCATGATTGTTGGCTGGGC
TGAGTGCCTGGCAGCAGTGGAGTGTGCTTCCAGTAGAAATTACACAGCAGTAG
TAGTGGTGGCATGGAAAGGAGGGCAGYGGTGGCATGGGAGGACCCCCC

FIG. 17b.

5'-GGCTGAGATGTTCCCTGACTGC
5'-CCTTCCCCTGCCACCACTACTA

FIG. 18a.

TGTAATTCCCAGCAATTGGGAGCCAAGGCAGGCTGAGTTCAATGAGTTGGAAAGAT
TCGAGACCNTTCTGGCTAAACACGGGGAAACCCNTTTTACTAAAAAATACCAAAA
AATTAAACCTGGCGTGGTGGCGGGCCCCAGCTANTCCGGAGGCTGAGGCAGGAGAAT
GGTGTGAACCCGGAGGGAGCTTGCAGTGAGCCGAGATCCCGCTACTGCACCTCCA
GCCTGGCAATAGAGGGAGACTCCGTCTCAAAAAAAAAAAATAATAATAATAAAA
AAAATAACAATAATAACTAATAATTGCTTGATATTTACAAAAGCAAAAGGAAAAGAAG
ACTAGGCAAGAAAAAAACCTCTTAGATGGTAGAACTCAGGTTAAATTAAACTT
ATTCTGGTGTAGSCTAGTTGTATATTTGACCTCTTAAATGCTCTGAACATATGATATGG
AGTAACACGCGATGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGATGGTGGTGGTGGTTTA
ATATCGAATAAAAGTTGTGGAAACTAAATTCAATTCTGCCAATTAAACTAAGATT
GCAAAGTTAACATCT

FIG. 18b.

5'-TTTGAATCTTAGTTAATTGGC
5'-GAACATGATATGGAGTAACAGCG

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 4, 5, 11-13, 15, 21-24, 26-32, 36-46
	No:	Claims 1-3, 6-10, 14, 16-20, 25, 33-35, 47
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-47
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-47
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MOOD DISORDER GENE

The invention is concerned with the determination of genetic factors associated with psychiatric health with particular reference to a human gene or genes which contributes to or is responsible for the manifestation of a mood disorder or a related disorder in affected individuals. In particular, although not exclusively, the invention provides a method of identifying and characterising such a gene or genes from human chromosome 18, as well as genes so identified and their expression products. The invention is also concerned with methods of determining the genetic susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder. By mood disorders or related disorders is meant the following disorders as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, version 4 (DSM-IV) taxonomy (DSM-IV codes in parenthesis):- mood disorders (296.XX, 300.4, 311, 301.13, 295.70), schizophrenia and related disorders (295.XX, 297.1, 298.8, 297.3, 298.9), anxiety disorders (300.XX, 309.81, 308.3), adjustment disorders (309.XX) and personality disorders (codes 301.XX).

The methods of the invention are particularly exemplified in relation to genetic factors associated with a family of mood disorders known as Bipolar (BP) spectrum disorders.

Bipolar disorder (BP) is a severe psychiatric condition that is characterized by disturbances in mood, ranging from an extreme state of elation (mania) to a severe state of dysphoria (depression). Two types of bipolar illness have been described: type I BP illness (BPI) is characterized by major depressive episodes alternated with phases of mania, and type II

BP illness (BPII), characterized by major depressive episodes alternating with phases of hypomania. Relatives of BP probands have an increased risk for BP, unipolar disorder (patients only experiencing depressive episodes; UP), cyclothymia (minor depression and hypomania episodes; CY) as well as for schizoaffective disorders of the manic (SAM) and depressive (SAd) type. Based on these observations BP, CY, UP and SA are classified as BP spectrum disorders.

The involvement of genetic factors in the etiology of BP spectrum disorders was suggested by family, twin and adoption studies (Tsuang and Faraone (1990), *The Genetics of Mood Disorders*, Baltimore, The John Hopkins University Press). However, the exact pattern of transmission is unknown. In some studies, complex segregation analysis supports the existence of a single major locus for BP (Spence et al. (1995), *Am J. Med. Genet (Neuropsych. Genet.)* 60 pp 370-376). Other researchers propose a liability-threshold-model, in which the liability to develop the disorder results from the additive combination of multiple genetic and environmental effects (McGuffin et al. (1994), *Affective Disorders; Seminars in Psychiatric Genetics* Gaskell, London pp 110-127).

Due to the complex mode of inheritance, parametric and nonparametric linkage strategies are applied in families in which BP disorder appears to be transmitted in a Mendelian fashion. Early linkage findings on chromosomes 11p15 (Egeland et al. (1987), *Nature* 325 pp 783-787) and Xq27-q28 (Mendlewicz et al. (1987) *The Lancet* 1 pp 1230 -1232; Baron et al. (1987) *Nature* 326 pp 289-292) have been controversial and could initially not be replicated (Kelsoe et al. (1989) *Nature* 242 pp 238-243; Baron et al. (1993) *Nature Genet* 3 pp 49-55). With the development of a

human genetic map saturated with highly polymorphic markers and the continuous development of data analysis techniques, numerous new linkage searches were started. In several studies, evidence or 5 suggestive evidence for linkage to particular regions on chromosomes 4, 12, 18, 21 and X was found (Blackwood et al. (1996) Nature Genetics 12 pp 427-430, Craddock et al. (1994) Brit J. Psychiatry 164 pp 355-358, Berrettini et al. (1994), Proc Natl Acad Sci 10 USA 91 pp 5918-5921, Straub et al. (1994) Nature Genetics 8 pp 291-296 and Pekkarinen et al. (1995) Genome Research 5 pp 105-115). In order to test the validity of the reported linkage results, these 15 findings have to be replicated in other, independent studies.

Recently, linkage of bipolar disorder to the pericentromeric region on chromosome 18 was reported (Berrettini et al. 1994). Also a ring chromosome 18 with break-points and deleted regions at 18pter-p11 and 18q23-qter was reported in three unrelated 20 patients with BP illness or related syndromes (Craddock et al. 1994). The chromosome 18p linkage was replicated by Stine et al. (1995) Am J Hum Genet 57 pp 1384-1394, who also reported suggestive evidence 25 for a locus on 18q21.2-q21.32 in the same study. Interestingly, Stine et al. observed a parent-of-origin effect: the evidence of linkage was the strongest in the paternal pedigrees, in which the proband's father or one of the proband's father's sibs 30 is affected.

In an independent replication study, the present inventors tested linkage with chromosome 18 markers in 10 Belgian families with a bipolar proband. To localize causative genes the linkage analysis or 35 likelihood method was used in these families. This

method studies within a family the segregation of a defined disease phenotype with that of polymorphic genetic markers distributed in the human genome. The likelihood ratio of observing cosegregation of the disease and a genetic marker under linkage versus no linkage is calculated and the log of this ratio or the log of the odds is the LOD score statistic z . A LOD score of 3 (or likelihood ratio of 1000 or greater) is taken as significant statistical evidence for linkage.

5 In the inventors' study no evidence for linkage to the pericentromeric regions was found, but in one of the families, MAD31, a Belgian family of a BPII proband, suggestive linkage was found with markers located at 18q21.33-q23 (De bruyn et al. (1996) Biol Psychiatry 10 39 pp 679-688). Multipoint linkage analysis gave the highest LOD score in the interval between STR (Short Tandem Repeats) polymorphisms D18S51 and D18S61, with a maximum multipoint LOD score of +1.34. Simulation studies indicated that this LOD score is within the range of what can be expected for a linked marker given the information available in the family.

10 Likewise, an affected sib-pair analysis also rejected the null-hypothesis of nonlinkage for several of the markers tested. Two other groups also found evidence 15 for linkage of bipolar disorder to 18q (Freimer et al. (1996) Nature Genetics 12 pp 436-441, Coon et al. (1996) Biol Psychiatry 39 pp 689 to 696). Although the candidate regions in the different studies do not entirely overlap, they all suggest the presence of a 20 susceptibility locus at 18q21-q23.

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D18S51 and D18S61 and subsequent LOD score analysis as described above, the inventors have further refined the candidate region of chromosome 18 in which a gene associated with mood disorders such as bipolar spectrum disorders may be located and have constructed a physical map. The region in question may thus be used to locate, isolate and sequence a gene or genes which influences psychiatric health and mood.

The inventors have also constructed a YAC (yeast artificial chromosome) contig map of the candidate region to determine the relative order of the twelve STR markers mapped by the cosegregational analysis and they have identified seven clones from the YAC library incorporating the candidate region.

A number of procedures can be applied to the identified YAC clones and, where applicable, to the DNA of an individual afflicted with a mood disorder as defined herein, in the process of identifying and characterising the relevant gene or genes. For example, the inventors have used YAC clones spanning the region of interest in chromosome 18 to identify by CAG or CTG fragmentation novel genes that are allegedly involved in the manifestation of mood disorders or related disorders.

Other procedures can also be applied to the said YAC clones to identify candidate genes as discussed below.

Once candidate genes have been identified it is possible to assess the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder by detecting the presence of a polymorphism associated with a mood disorder or related disorder in such genes.

Accordingly, in a first aspect the present invention comprises the use of an 8.9 cM region of

human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment thereof for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated 5 with mood disorders or related disorders as defined above. As will be described below, the present inventors have identified this candidate region of chromosome 18q for such a gene, by analysis of cosegregation of bipolar disease in family MAD31 with 10 12 STR polymorphic markers previously located between D18S51 and D18S61 and subsequent LOD score analysis.

In a second aspect the invention comprises the use of a YAC clone comprising a portion of human 15 chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with mood disorders or related disorders as defined above. D18S60 is close 20 to D18S51 so the particular YAC clones for use are those which have an artificial chromosome spanning the candidate region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S51 and D18S61 as identified by 25 the present inventors in their earlier paper (De bruyn et al. (1996)).

Particular YACs covering the candidate region which may be used in accordance with the present invention are 961.h.9, 942.c.3, 766.f.12, 731.c.7, 30 907.e.1, 752-g-8 and 717.d.3, preferred ones being 961.h.9, 766.f.12 and 907.e.1 since these have the minimum tiling path across the candidate region. Suitable YAC clones for use are those having an artificial chromosome spanning the refined candidate region between D18S68 and D18S979.

There are a number of methods which can be applied to the candidate regions of chromosome 18q as defined above, whether or not present in a YAC, to identify a candidate gene or genes associated with mood disorders or related disorders. For example, it has previously been demonstrated that an apparent association exists between the presence of trinucleotide repeat expansions (TRE) in the human genome and the phenomenon of anticipation of mood disorders (Lindblad et al. (1995), Neurobiology of Disease 2: 55-62 and O'Donovan et al. (1995), Nature Genetics 10: 380-381).

Accordingly, in a third aspect the present invention comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder as defined herein which comprises detecting nucleotide triplet repeats in the region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979.

An alternative method of identifying said gene or genes comprises fragmenting a YAC clone comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, for example one or more of the seven aforementioned YAC clones, and detecting any nucleotide triplet repeats in said fragments. Nucleic acid probes comprising at least 5 and preferably at least 10 CTG and/or CAG triplet repeats are a suitable means of detection when appropriately labelled. Trinucleotide repeats may also be determined using the known RED (repeat expansion detection) system (Shalling et al. (1993), Nature Genetics 4 pp 135-139).

In a fourth embodiment the invention comprises a

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method of identifying at least one gene, including mutated and polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder and which is present in a YAC clone spanning the 5 region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, the method comprising the step of detecting the expression product of a gene incorporating nucleotide triplet repeats by use of an antibody capable of recognising a protein with an 10 amino acid sequence comprising a string of at least 8, but preferably at least 12, continuous glutamine residues. Such a method may be implemented by subcloning YAC DNA, for example from the seven 15 aforementioned YAC clones, into a human DNA expression library. A preferred means of detecting the relevant expression product is by use of a monoclonal antibody, in particular mAB 1C2, the preparation and properties of which are described in International Patent Application Publication No WO 97/17445.

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As will be described in detail below, in order to identify candidate genes containing triplet repeats, the inventors have carried out direct CAG or CTG fragmentation of YACs 961.h.9, 766.f.12 and 907.e.1, 25 comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61, and have identified a number of sequences containing CAG or CTG repeats, whose abnormal expansion may be involved in genetic susceptibility to a mood disorder 30 or related disorder.

Accordingly, in a fifth aspect, the invention provides a nucleic acid comprising the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a.

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In a further aspect, the invention provides a protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a.

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In yet a further aspect the invention provides a mutated nucleic acid comprising a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, 10 or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

Also provided by the invention is a mutated protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence 15 of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

It is to be understood that the invention also 20 contemplates nucleotide sequences having at least 75% and preferably at least 80% homology with any of the sequences described above and having functional identity with any of said sequences. The homology is calculated as described by Altschul et al. (1997) 25 Nucleic Acids Res. 25: 3389-3402, Karlin et al. (1990) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 87: 2264-68 and Karlin et al. (1993) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 90: 5873-5877. Also contemplated are amino acid sequences which differ 30 from the above described sequences only in conservative amino acid changes. Suitable changes are well known to those skilled in the art.

Knowledge of the sequences described above can be 35 used to design assays to determine the genetic susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or

related disorder.

Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention provides a method for determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

a) obtaining a DNA sample from said individual;

b) providing primers suitable for the amplification of a nucleotide sequence comprised in the sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a said primers flanking the trinucleotide repeats comprised in said sequence;

c) applying said primers to the said DNA sample and carrying out an amplification reaction;

d) carrying out the same amplification reaction on a DNA sample from a control individual; and

e) comparing the results of the amplification reaction for the said individual and for the said control individual;

wherein the presence of an amplified fragment from said individual which is bigger in size from that of said control individual is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

By control individual is meant an individual who is not affected by a mood disorder or related disorder and does not have a family history of mood disorders or related disorders.

Preferable primers to use in this method are those shown in Figure 15b, 16b, 17b or 18b but other suitable primers may be utilised.

5 In a further aspect the invention provides a method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises the steps of :

10 a) obtaining a protein sample from said individual; and

15 b) detecting the presence of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a sequence of nucleotides which differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a, or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats

20 wherein the presence of said protein is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

25 Preferably, the foresaid protein is detected by utilising an antibody that is capable of recognising a string of at least 8 continuous glutamines as, for example, the mAB 1C2 antibody.

30 The nucleic acids molecules according to the invention may be advantageously included in an expression vector, which may be introduced into a host cell of prokaryotic or eukaryotic origin. Suitable expression vectors include plasmids, which may be used to express foreign DNA in bacterial or eukaryotic host cells, viral vectors, yeast artificial chromosomes or 35 mammalian artificial chromosomes. The vector may be

transfected or transformed into host cells using suitable methods known in the art such as, for example, electroporation, microinjection, infection, lipoinfection and direct uptake. Such methods are 5 described in more detail, for example, by Sambrook et al., "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual", 2nd ed. (1989) and by Ausbel et al. "Current Protocols in Molecular Biology", (1994).

10 Also provided by the invention is a host cell, tissue or organism comprising the expression vector according to the invention. The invention further provides a transgenic host cell, tissue or organism comprising a transgene capable of encoding the 15 proteins of the invention, which may comprise a genomic DNA or a cDNA. The transgene may be present in the transgenic host cell, tissue or organism either stably integrated into the genome or in an extra chromosomal state.

20 A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a as well as the protein encoded by it may be therapeutically used in the treatment of mood 25 disorders or related disorders in patients which present a trinucleotide repeat expansion (TRE) in at least one of the foresaid sequences.

Accordingly, in another of its aspects the invention provides the above described nucleic acid 30 molecules and proteins for use as medicaments for the treatment of individuals with a mood disorder or related disorder. Preferably, the nucleic acid or the protein is present in an appropriate carrier or delivery vehicle. As an example, the nucleic acid 35 inserted into a vector, for example a plasmid or a

viral vector, may be transfected into a mammalian cell such as a somatic cell or a mammalian germ line cell, as described above. The cell to be transfected can be present in a biological sample obtained from the 5 patient, for example blood or bone marrow, or can be obtained from cell culture. After transfection the sample may be returned or readministered to a patient according to methods known to those practised in the art, for example, methods as described in Kasid et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1990) 87:473; Rosenberg et al. (1990) New Eng. J. Med. 323: 570 ; Williams et al. (1994) Nature 310: 476; Dick et al. (1985) Cell 42:71; Keller et al. (1985) Nature 318: 10 149 and Anderson et al. (1994) US Patent N. 5,399,346.

15 There are a number of viral vectors known to those skilled in the art which can be used to introduce the nucleic acid into mammalian cells, for example retroviruses, parvoviruses, coronaviruses, negative strand RNA viruses such as picornaviruses or alphaviruses and double stranded DNA viruses including adenoviruses, herpesviruses such as Herpes Simplex virus types 1 and 2, Epstein-Barr virus or cytomegalovirus and poxviruses such as vaccinia fowlpox or canarypox. Other viruses include, for 20 25 example, Norwalk viruses, togaviruses, flaviviruses, reoviruses, papovaviruses, hepadnaviruses and hepatitis viruses.

A preferred method to introduce nucleic acid that encodes the desired protein into cells is through the 30 use of engineered viral vectors. These vectors provide a means to introduce nucleic acids into cycling and quiescent cells and have been modified to reduce cytotoxicity and to improve genetic stability. The preparation and use of engineered Herpes simplex 35 virus type 1 (D.M. Krisky, et al. (1997) Gene Therapy

4(10): 1120-1125), adenoviral (A. Amalfitani, et al.(1998) Journal of Virology 72(2):926-933), attenuated lentiviral (R. Zufferey, et al., Nature Biotechnology (1997) 15(9)871-875) and 5 adenoviral/retroviral chimeric (M. Feng, et al, Nature Biotechnology (1997) 15(9):866-870) vectors are known to the skilled artisan.

The protein may be administered using methods known in the art. For example, the mode of 10 administration is preferably at the location of the target cells. The administration can be by injection. Other modes of administration (parenteral, mucosal, systemic, implant, intraperitoneal, etc.) are generally known in the art. The agents can, 15 preferably, be administered in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such as saline, sterile water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution.

20 In yet another of its aspects the invention provides assay methods for identifying compounds that are able to enhance or inhibit the expression of the proteins of the invention. These assays can be conducted, for example, by transfecting a nucleic acid 25 of the invention into host cells and then comparing the levels of mRNA transcript or the levels of protein expressed from said nucleic acids in the presence or absence of the compound.

Different methods, well known to those skilled in the 30 art can be employed in order to measure transcription or expression levels.

Alternatively, it is possible to identify compounds that modulate transcription by using a reporter gene assay of the type well known in the art. In such an 35 assay a reporter plasmid is constructed in which the

promoter of a gene, whose levels of transcription are to be monitored, is positioned upstream of a gene capable of expressing a reporter molecule. The reporter molecule is a molecule whose level of expression can be easily detected and may be either the transcript of the reporter gene or a protein with characteristics that allow it to be detected. For example, the molecule may be a fluorescent protein such as green fluorescent protein (GFP).

Compound assays may be conducted by introducing the reporter plasmid described above into an appropriate host cell and then measuring the amount of reporter molecule expressed in the presence or absence of the compound to be tested.

The invention also relates to compounds identified by the above mentioned methods.

Further embodiments of the present invention relate to methods of identifying the relevant gene or genes which involve the sub-cloning of YAC DNA as defined above into vectors such as BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome) or PAC (P1 or phage artificial chromosome) or cosmid vectors such as exon-trap cosmid vectors. The starting point for such methods is the construction of a contig map of the region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61. To this end the present inventors have sequenced the end regions of the fragment of human DNA in each of the seven aforementioned YAC clones and these sequences are disclosed herein. Following subcloning of YAC DNA into other vectors as described above, probes comprising these end sequences or portions thereof, in particular those sequences shown in Figures 1 to 11 herein, together with any known

sequenced tagged site (STS) in this region, as described in the YAC clone contig shown herein, as can be used to detect overlaps between said subclones and a contig map can be constructed. Also the known 5 sequences in the current YAC contig can be used for the generation of contig map subclones.

One route by which a gene or genes which is associated with a mood disorder or associated disorder 10 can be identified is by use of the known technique of exon trapping.

This is an artificial RNA splicing assay, most often making use in current protocols of a specialized exon-trap cosmid vector. The vector contains an 15 artificial minigene consisting of a segment of the SV40 genome containing an origin of replication and a powerful promoter sequence, two splicing-competent exons separated by an intron which contains a multiple cloning site and an SV40 polyadenylation site.

The YAC DNA is subcloned in the exon-trap vector 20 and the recombinant DNA is transfected into a strain of mammalian cells. Transcription from the SV40 promoter results in an RNA transcript which normally splices to include the two exons of the minigene. If 25 the cloned DNA itself contains a functional exon, it can be spliced to the exons present in the vector's minigene. Using reverse transcriptase a cDNA copy can be made and using specific PCR primers, splicing events involving exons of the insert DNA can be 30 identified. Such a procedure can identify coding regions in the YAC DNA which can be compared to the equivalent regions of DNA from a person afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder to identify the relevant gene.

35 Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention

comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated variants and polymorphisms thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

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(a) transfecting mammalian cells with exon trap cosmid vectors prepared and mapped as described above;

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(b) culturing said mammalian cells in an appropriate medium;

(c) isolating RNA transcripts expressed from the SV40 promoter;

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(d) preparing cDNA from said RNA transcripts;

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(e) identifying splicing events involving exons of the DNA subcloned into said exon trap cosmid vectors to elucidate positions of coding regions in said subcloned DNA;

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(f) detecting differences between said coding regions and equivalent regions in the DNA of an individual afflicted with said mood disorder or related disorder; and

(g) identifying said gene or mutated or polymorphic variant thereof which is associated with said mood disorder or related disorders.

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As an alternative to exon trapping the YAC DNA may be subcloned into BAC, PAC, cosmid or other vectors and a contig map constructed as described above. There are a variety of known methods available by which the position of relevant genes on the

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subcloned DNA can be established as follows:

(a) cDNA selection or capture (also called direct selection and cDNA selection): this method involves the forming of genomic DNA/cDNA heteroduplexes by hybridizing a cloned DNA (e.g. an insert of a YAC DNA), to a complex mixture of cDNAs, such as the inserts of all cDNA clones from a specific (e.g. brain) cDNA library. Related sequences will hybridize and can be enriched in subsequent steps using biotin-streptavidine capturing and PCR (or related techniques);

(b) hybridization to mRNA/cDNA: a genomic clone (e.g. the insert of a specific cosmid) can be hybridized to a Northern blot of mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines or against appropriate (e.g. brain) cDNA libraries. A positive signal can indicate the presence of a gene within the cloned fragment;

(c) CpG island identification: CpG or HTF islands are short (about 1 kb) hypomethylated GC-rich (> 60%) sequences which are often found at the 5' ends of genes. CpG islands often have restriction sites for several rare-cutter restriction enzymes. Clustering of rare-cutter restriction sites is indicative of a CpG island and therefore of a possible gene. CpG islands can be detected by hybridization of a DNA clone to Southern blots of genomic DNA digested with rare-cutting enzymes, or by island-rescue PCR (isolation of CpG islands from YACs by amplifying sequences between islands and neighbouring Alu-repeats);

(d) zoo-blotting: hybridizing a DNA clone (e.g.

the insert of a specific cosmid) at reduced stringency against a Southern blot of genomic DNA samples from a variety of animal species. Detection of hybridization signals can suggest conserved sequences, indicating a
5 possible gene.

Accordingly, in a further aspect the invention comprises a method of identifying at least one human gene including mutated and polymorphic variants
10 thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

(a) subcloning the YAC DNA as described above
15 into a cosmid, BAC, PAC or other vector;

(b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other sequenced tagged site (STS) in this region as in the YAC clone contig described herein, or part thereof consisting of not
20 less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement thereof, to detect overlaps amongst the subclones and construct a map thereof;

(c) identifying the position of genes within the
25 subcloned DNA by one or more of CpG island identification, zoo-blotting, hybridization of the subcloned DNA to a cDNA library or a Northern blot of mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines;

30 (d) detecting differences between said genes and equivalent region of the DNA of an individual afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder;
and

35 (e) identifying said gene which is associated

with said mood disorders or related disorders.

5 If the cloned YAC DNA is sequenced, computer analysis can be used to establish the presence of relevant genes. Techniques such as homology searching and exon prediction may be applied.

10 Once a candidate gene has been isolated in accordance with the methods of the invention more detailed comparisons may be made between the gene from a normal individual and one afflicted with a mood disorder such as a bipolar spectrum disorder. For example, there are two methods, described as "mutation testing", by which a mutation or polymorphism in a DNA sequence can be identified. In the first the DNA sample may be tested for the presence or absence of one specific mutation but this requires knowledge of what the mutation might be. In the second a sample of DNA is screened for any deviation from a control (normal) DNA. This latter method is more useful for identifying candidate genes where a mutation is not identified in advance.

25 In addition, the following techniques may be further applied to a gene identified by the above-described methods to identify differences between genes from normal or healthy individuals and those afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder:

30 (a) Southern blotting techniques: a clone is hybridized to nylon membranes containing genomic DNA digested with different restriction enzymes of patients and healthy individuals. Large differences between patients and healthy individuals can be visualized using a radioactive labelling protocol;

(b) heteroduplex mobility in polyacrylamide gels: this technique is based on the fact that the mobility of heteroduplexes in non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels is less than the mobility of homoduplexes. It
5 is most effective for fragments under 200 bp;

(c) single-strand conformational polymorphism analysis (SSCP or SSCA): single stranded DNA folds up to form complex structures that are stabilized by weak
10 intramolecular bonds. The electrophoretic mobilities of these structures on non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels depends on their chain lengths and on their conformation;

15 (d) chemical cleavage of mismatches (CCM): a radiolabelled probe is hybridized to the test DNA, and mismatches detected by a series of chemical reactions that cleave one strand of the DNA at the site of the mismatch. This is a very sensitive method and can be
20 applied to kilobase-length samples;

25 (e) enzymatic cleavage of mismatches: the assay is similar to CCM, but the cleavage is performed by certain bacteriophage enzymes.

(f) denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis: in this technique, DNA duplexes are forced to migrate through an electrophoretic gel in which there is a gradient of increasing amounts of a denaturant
30 (chemical or temperature). Migration continues until the DNA duplexes reach a position on the gel wherein the strands melt and separate, after which the denatured DNA does not migrate much further. A single base pair difference between a normal and a mutant DNA
35 duplex is sufficient to cause them to migrate to

different positions in the gel;

(g) direct DNA sequencing.

5 It will be appreciated that with respect to the methods described herein, in the step of detecting differences between coding regions from the YAC and the DNA of an individual afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder, the said individual may
10 be anybody with the disorder and not necessary a member of family MAD31.

15 In accordance with further aspects the present invention provides an isolated human gene and variants thereof associated with a mood disorder or related disorder and which is obtainable by any of the above described methods, an isolated human protein encoded by said gene and a cDNA encoding said protein.

20 In the experimental report which follows reference will be made to the following figures:

25 FIGURE 1 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is the left arm end-sequence of YAC 766.f.12;

FIGURE 2 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 766.f.12;

30 FIGURE 3 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a left arm end-sequence of YAC 717.d.3;

FIGURE 4 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 717.d.3;

35 FIGURE 5 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is

a right arm end-sequence of YAC 731.c.7;

FIGURE 6 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 752.g.8;

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FIGURE 7 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 942.c.3;

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FIGURE 8 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a right arm end-sequence of YAC 942.c.3;

FIGURE 9 shows a sequence of nucleotides which is
a left arm end-sequence of YAC 961.h.9;

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FIGURE 10 shows a sequence of nucleotides which
is a right arm end-sequence of YAC 961.h.9;

FIGURE 11 shows a sequence of nucleotides which
is a left arm end-sequence of YAC 907.e.1;

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FIGURE 12 shows a pedigree of family MAD31;

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FIGURE 13 shows the haplotype analysis for family
MAD13. Affected individuals are represented by filled
diamonds, open diamonds represent individuals who were
asymptomatic at the last psychiatric evaluation. Dark
gray bars represent markers for which it cannot be
deduced if they are recombinant; and

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FIGURE 14 shows the YAC contig map of the region
of human chromosome 18 between the polymorphic markers
D18560 and D18561. Black lines represent positive
hits. YACs are not drawn to scale.

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FIGURE 15 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and

surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
961_h_9. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

FIGURE 16 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
766_f_12. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide

repeats in the sequence.

FIGURE 17 shows (a) a CAG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
766_f_12. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

FIGURE 18 shows (a) a CTG repeat (in bold) and
surrounding nucleotide sequence isolated from YAC
907_e_1. The sequence in italics is derived from End
Rescue of the fragmented YAC. (b) PCR primers that can
be used to determine the extent of trinucleotide
repeats in the sequence.

Experimental 1

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(a) Family Data

Clinical diagnoses in MAD31, a Belgian family with a
BPII proband were described in detail in De bruyn et
35 al 1996. In that study only the 15 family members who

were informative for linkage analysis were selected for additional genotyping. The different clinical diagnoses in the family were as follows:

5 1 BPI, 2 BPII, 2UP, 4 Major depressive disorder (MDD),
1 SAM and 1 SAd.

The pedigree of the MAD31 family is shown in Figure 12.

10 (b) Genotyping of Family Members

All short tandem repeat (STR) genetic markers are di- or tetranucleotide repeat polymorphisms. Information concerning the genetic markers used in this study was obtained from several sources on the internet: Genome
15 DataBase (GDB, <http://gdbwww.gdb.org/>), GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>), Cooperative Human Linkage Center (CHLC, <http://www.chlc.org/>), Eccles Institute of Human Genetics (EIHG, <http://www.genetics.utah.edu/>) and Généthon
20 (<http://www.genethon.fr/>). Standard PCR was performed in a 25 µl volume containing 100 ng genomic DNA, 200 mM of each dNTP, 1.25 mM MgCl₂, 30 pmol of each primer and 0.2 units Goldstar DNA polymerase (Eurogentec). One primer was end-labelled before PCR
25 with [γ -³²P]ATP and T4 polynucleotide kinase. After an initial denaturation step at 94°C for 2 min, 27 cycles were performed at 94°C for 1 min, at the appropriate annealing temperature for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. Finally, an additional
30 elongation step was performed at 72°C for 5 min. PCR products were detected by electrophoresis on a 6% denaturing polyacrylamide gel and by exposure to an X-ray sensitive film. Successfully analysed STSs, STRs and ESTs covering the refined candidate region are
35 fully described herein on pages 36 to 54.

(c) Lod score analysis.

Two-point lod scores were calculated for 3 different disease models using Fastlink 2.2. (Cottingham et al. 1993). For all models, a disease gene frequency of 1% and a phenocopy rate of 1/1000 was used. Model 1 included all patients and unaffected individuals with the latter individuals being assigned to a disease penetrance class depending on their age at examination. The 9 age-dependent penetrance classes as described by De bruyn et al (1996) were multiplied by a factor 0.7 corresponding to a reduction of the maximal penetrance of 99% to 70% for individuals older than 60 years (Ott 1991). Model 2 is similar to model 1, but patients were assigned a diagnostic stability score, calculated based on clinical data such as the number of episodes, the number of symptoms during the worst episode and history of treatment (Rice et al. 1987, De bruyn et al. 1996). Model 3 is as model 1 but includes only patients.

(d) Construction of the YAC contig - protocols

Growing of YACs and extraction of YAC DNA was done according to standard protocols (Silverman, 1995). For the construction of the YAC-contig spanning the chromosome 18q candidate region, the data of the physical map based on sequence tagged sites (STSs) (Hudson et al. 1995) was consulted on the Whitehead Institute (WI) Internet site (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>). CEPH mega-YACs were obtained from the YAC Screening Centre Leiden (YSCL, the Netherlands) and from CEPH (Paris, France). The YACs were analyzed for the presence of STSs and STRs, previously located between D18S51 and D18S61, by

touchdown PCR amplification. Information on the STSs/STRs was obtained from the WI, GDB, Généthon, CHLC and GenBank sites on the Internet. Thirty PCR cycles consisted of: denaturation at 94°C for 1 min,
5 annealing (2 cycles for each temperature) starting from 65°C and decreasing to 51°C for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. This was followed by 10 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 1 min, annealing at 50°C for 1.5 min and extension at 72°C for 2 min. A
10 final extension step was performed for 10 min at 72°C. Amplified products were visualised by electrophoresis on a 1% TBE agarose gel and ethidium bromide staining.

15 (e) Ordering of the STR markers.

Twelve STR markers, previously located between D18S51 and D18S61, were tested for cosegregation with bipolar disease in family MAD31. The parental haplotypes were reconstructed from genotype information of the siblings in family MAD31 and minimizing the number of possible recombinants. The result of this analysis is shown in Figure 13. The father was not informative for 3 markers, the mother was not informative for 5 markers. Haplotypes in family MAD31 suggested the following order for the STR markers analysed: cen-[S51-S68-S346]-[S55-S969-S1113-S483-S465]-[S876-S477]-S979-[S466-S817-S61]-tel.
20 The order relative to each other of the markers between brackets could not be inferred from our
25 haplotype data. The marker order in family MAD31 was compared with the marker order obtained using different mapping techniques and the results shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Comparison of the order of the markers within the 18q candidate region for bipolar disorder, among several maps.

	Marker*	Genetic maps		Radiation hybrid map
		Généthon	Marshfield	(Giacalone et al. 1996)
5	D18S51		(-)3.4 cM	(-)27.9 cR
10	D18S68	0 cM	0 cM	0 cR
	D18S346		5.3 cM	52.2 cR
	D18S55	0.1 cM	0 cM	72.5 cR
15	D18S969		0.6 cM	
	D18S1113	0.7 cM		
	D18S483	2.5 cM	3.2 cM	88 cR
20	D18S465	4.5 cM	5.3 cM	101.3 cR
	D18S876			
	D18S477	4.4 cM	5.3 cM	166.4 cR
25	D18S979		8.9 cM	
	D18S466	7.6 cM	11.1 cM	212.4 cR
	D18S61	8.4 cM	11.8 cM	249.5 cR
30	D18S817		5.3 cM	260.6 cR

* Order according to haplotyping results in family MAD31.

(-) Marker is located proximal of D18S68.

D18S68, common to all 3 maps, was taken as the map anchor point, and the genetic distance in cM or cR of the other markers relative to D18S68 are given. The marker order is in good agreement with the order of 5 the markers on the recently published chromosome 18 radiation hybrid map (Giacalone et al. (1996) Genomics 37:9-18) and the WI YAC-contig map (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>). However, a few discrepancies with other maps were observed. The only discrepancy with 10 the Génethon genetic map is the reversed order of D18S465 and D18S477. Two discrepancies were observed with the Marshfield map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>). The present inventors mapped D18S346 above D18S55 based on 15 maternal haplotypes, but on the Marshfield maps D18S346 is located between D18S483 and D18S979. The inventors also placed D18S817 below D18S979, but on the Marshfield map this marker is located between D18S465 and D18S477. However, the location of D18S346 20 and D18S817 is in agreement with the chromosome 18 radiation hybrid map of Giacalone et al. (1996). One discrepancy was also observed with the WI radiation hybrid map (<http://www-genome.wi.mit.edu/>), in which D18S68 was located below D18S465. However, the 25 inventors as well as other maps placed this marker above D18S55.

(f) Lod score analysis and refinement of the candidate region.

30 Lod score analysis gave positive results with all markers, confirming the previous observation that 18q21.33-q23 is implicated in BP disease, at least in family MAD31 (De bruyn et al. 1996). Summary 35 statistics of the lod score analysis under all models

are given in table 2 below.

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Table 2. Summary statistics of the two-point lod scores in MAD31.

Marker	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}	Z at $\theta=0.0$	Zmax	θ_{max}
D18S51	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.08	0.54	0.1
D18S68	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18S346	-0.19	0.73	0.1	0.94	0.94	0.01	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18969	1.40	1.40	0.0	1.27	1.27	0.0	1.20	1.20	0.0
D18S1113	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S876	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S477	2.01	2.01	0.0	1.87	1.87	0.0	1.77	1.77	0.0
D18S979	-0.18	0.77	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.08	0.54	0.0
D18S817	-0.19	0.73	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.07	0.55	0.1
D18S61	-0.21	0.73	0.1	1.08	1.08	0.0	0.07	0.54	0.1

D18S55, D18S483, D18S465 and D18S466 were not informative.

The highest two-point lod score (+2.01 at θ=0.0) was obtained with markers D18S1113, D18S876 and D18S477 under model 1 in the absence of recombinants (table 2). In model 1, all individuals with a BP spectrum disorder are considered affected and fully contributing to the linkage analysis.

Before the fine mapping the candidate region was flanked by D18S51 and D18S61, which are separated by a genetic distance of 15.2 cM on the Marshfield map or 13.1 cM on the Génethon map. The informative recombinants with D18S51 and D18S61 were observed in 2 affected individuals (II.10 and II.11 in Fig. 13). However, since no other markers were tested within the candidate region it was not known whether these individuals actually shared a region identical-by-descent (IBD). The additional genetic mapping data now indicate that all affected individuals are sharing alleles at D18S969, D18S1113, D18S876 and D18S477 (Fig. 13, boxed haplotype). Also, alleles from markers D18S483 and D18S465 are probably IBD, but these markers were not informative in the affected parent I.1. Obligate recombinants were observed with the STR markers D18S68, D18S346, D18S979 and D18S817 (Table 2, fig. 13) Since discrepancies between different maps were observed for the locations of D18S346 and D18S817, the present inventors used D18S68 and D18S979 to redefine the candidate region for BP disease. The genetic distance between these 2 markers is 8.9 cM based on the Marshfield genetic map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>).

(g) Construction of the YAC contig.

According to the WI integrated map 56 CEPH megaYACs are located in the initial candidate region

contained between D18S51 and D18S61 (Chumakov et al. (1995) Nature 377 Suppl., De bruyn et al. (1996)). From these YACs, those were selected that were located in the region between D18S60 and D18S61. D18S51 is not presented on the WI map, but is located close to D18S60 according to the Marshfield genetic map (<http://www.marshmed.org/genetics/>). To limit the number of potential chimaeric YACs, YACs were eliminated that were also positive for non-chromosome 18 STSs. As such, 25 YACs were selected (see Figure 14), and placed in a contig based on the technique of YAC contig mapping, i.e. sequences from sequence tagged sites (STSs), simple tandem repeats (STRs) and expressed sequenced tags (ESTs), known to map between D18S60 and D18S61, were amplified by PCR on the DNA from the YAC clones. The STS, STR and EST sequences used, are described from page 36 to 54. Positive YAC clones were assembled in a YAC contig map (Figure 14).

Three gaps remained in the YAC contig, of which one, between D18S876 and GCT3G01, was located in the refined candidate region. To close the gap between D18S876 and GCT3G01, 14 YAC clones (Table 3, on page 62) were further analysed. End fragments from YAC clones 766.f.12 (SV11R), 752.g.8 (SV31L), 942.c.3 (SV10R) were obtained and sequenced (see pages 55-61). Primers from these three sequences were selected, and DNA of each of the 14 YAC clones was amplified by PCR. As indicated in Table 3, overlaps were obtained between 7 YAC clones on the centromeric side, and two YAC clones on the telomeric site (717.d.3 and 907.e.1).

The final YAC contig is shown in Figure 14. In the figure, only the YAC clones which rendered unambiguous hits with the chromosome 18 STSs, STRs and ESTs are shown. In a few cases, weak positive signals were also obtained with some of the YAC clones, which

likely represent false positive results. However, these signals did not influence the alignment of the YAC clones in the contig. Although, all YACs known to map in the region were tested as well as all available STSs/STRs, initially, the gap in the YAC contig was not closed. However, this was subsequently achieved by determining the end-sequences of the eight selected YACs (see below). The order of the markers provided by the YAC contig map is in complete agreement with the marker order provided by the WI map which integrates information from the genetic map, the radiation hybrid map and the STS YAC contig map (Hudson et al. 1995). Also, the YAC contig map confirms the order of the STR markers as suggested by the haplotype analysis in family MAD31. Moreover, the YAC contig map provides additional information on the relative order of the STR markers. For example, D18S55 is present in YAC 931_g_10 but not in 931_f_1 (Fig.14), separating D18S55 from its cluster [S55-S969-S1113-S483-S465] obtained by haplotype analysis in family MAD31. The centromeric location of D18S55 is defined by the STS/STR content of surrounding YACs (Fig. 14). If we combine the haplotype data and the YAC contig map the following order of STR markers is obtained: cen-[S51-S68-S346]-S55-[S969-S1113]-[S483-S465]-S876-S477-S979-S466-[S817-S61]-tel.

Out of the 25 YAC clones spanning the whole contig, seven YAC clones were selected in order to identify the minimal tiling path (Table 4). These 7 YAC clones cover the whole refined chromosome 18 region. Furthermore, YAC clones should preferably be non-chimeric, i.e. they should only contain fragments from human chromosome 18. In order to examine for the presence of chimerism, both ends of these YACs were subcloned and sequenced (pages 55 to 61). For each of

the sequences, primers were obtained, and DNA from a monochromosomal mapping panel was amplified by PCR using these primers. As indicated on pages 55 to 61, some of the YAC clones contained fragments from other
5 chromosomes, apart from human chromosome 18.

Three YAC clones were then selected comprising the minimum tiling path (Table 5). These three YAC clones were stable as determined by pulsed field gel electrophoresis and their sizes correspond
10 well to the published sizes. These YAC clones were transferred to other host yeast strains for restriction mapping, and are the subject to further subcloning.

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Description of the successfully analysed STSs, STRs and ESTs covering the refined candidate region.

Explanations:

- STS: Sequence Tagged Site
- STR: Simple Tandem Repeat
- EST: Expressed Sequence Tag

These markers are ordered from the centromere to the telomere. Only the markers that were effectively tested and that worked on the YACs are given.

List:

1. D18S60:

Database ID: AFM178XE3 (Also known as 178xe3, Z16781, D18S60)
Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs
Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CCTGGCTCACCTGGCA
Right = TTGTAGCATCGTTGTAATGTTCC

Product Length = 157

Review complete sequence:

AGCTATCCTGGCTCACCTGGCAAAAATACAGTGTATACACACACACACAC
ACACACACACACACACACAGAGTGTNTANTNATTCCAGCAAATAATATTA
CATATAAAAGATCTAATTGGTTCATCATGTAAATTAGTAGGAACATTACA
ACGATGCTACAAGANTTATCCAAAACTGAGATTCCCTAGAATATCTGTT
AAAAGTAATTATTCAAGTTAATAGAAATTCTATTGAAAACATCAAACATTAT
AAAGCT

Genbank ID: Z16781

Description: H. sapiens (D18S60) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

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2. WI-9222:

Database ID: UTR-03540 (Also known as G06101, D18S1033, 9222, X63657)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

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Left = GATCCCATAAAGCTACGAGGG

Right = GAGTCTAAAGACAAGAAAGCATTGC

Product Length = 99

Review complete sequence:

TCTTCTTACCCCTTGGAGAAAGACTGTTCAAATAATTGAACAGCTTG
 CTGCTAAATGGGACCCAATTTTGGCCTATAGACACTTATGTATTGTTTC
 GAATACGTAGATTGGACCAGTGCCTTCAGGAATGTGGCTGCAAGCAA
 GGGGCTAGAACAGTTCACCTCCTGACAGTATTATTAATACTATGCAAATATG
 GAATAGGAGACCATTGATTTCTAGGCTTGTGGTAGAGAGGGTAGAGG
 TATGAGAATTAATAGCGTGTGAACAAAGTAAAGAACAGGATTCCAGAATG
 ATCATTAAATTGTTCTATTATTCCTTTGCCCCCCCTAGAGATTAAGTC
 CAGAAATGTACTTTCTGGCACATAAAAGAAATCTTGAGGACTTGTAAAC
 CTTCCATAAAAAAAACAATTTCGGT TTCTCGGGTNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
 NNT
 TCTTCTTGTGTATTTATTCAAGATGAGTTGGACCCATTGCCAGTGAGT
 CTGAATGTCACTGACAGCCCTGTGTTGTGCTCAGGACTCACTTGCTGC
 TGGTGGAAACTCATGGCTCTCTCTCTCTCTTTGATCCCATAAAGCTACGAG
GGGGACGGGAGAGGGCAGTGCAATGGGAAGTAAAGAGATATTTCCAG
TAGGAAAAGCAATGCTTCTGTCTTAGACTCAAATGCTTAGGAAACGT
TTCATTTCTCATTCATGGGAAAGGCAGCCTCCTAAATGTTTCTGAAG
AGCGGTAAAATCTAGAACGCTTAAGAATTACAGTTCCCTCAATAACCATGA
TGACCTGAAGTTCACCTATCCCATTAGCATCTACTTGTTTCCCATCT
CTTCCTTCAATTGCTTACTGCTGAATATTGTNNNNNNNN
NNNNNNNNNNNNNGACCAGCTAAAATTTCGACTTGACTTTAACTT
AACTCATGAATTAATTAAAGCAAATGAAAAAAATTAAAAGTGTGACTTTT
CTCGGAGCATATATGTAGCTTTAGGAAAGGCTGATGATGGTATAAAGTT
TGCTCATTAGAAAAAAAGACAAGGCTGATTTGAAGAGAGTTGCTTTG
AAATAAAATGATCA

Genbank ID: X63657

Description: H.sapiens fvt1 mRNA

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3. WI-7336:

Database ID: UTR-04664 (Also known as P15, G00-679-135, G06527, 7336, U04313)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGACATTCTCGCTTCCCTGA

Right = AATTTTGACCCCTTATGGGC

Product Length = 332

Review complete sequence:

TAAGTGGCATAGCCATGTTAAGTCCTCCCTGACTTTCTGTGGATGCCG
 ATTTCTGTAAACTCTGCATCCAGAGATTCAATTCTAGATACAATAATTG
 CTAATGTTGCTGGATCAGGAAGCCGAGTACTTGTATGTAGCCTTC

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ACACAGATAGACCNNNNNNNNNCCATTCTATCTTTGTTCCCTTTT
 CCCATAAGACAATGACATACGCTTTAATGAAAAGGAATCACGTTAGAGG
 AAAAATATTATTCAATTGTCAAATTGTCCGGGGTAGTTGGCAGAAAT
 ACAGTCTTCCACAAAGAAAATT CCTATAAGGAAGATTGGAGCTCTTCT
TCCCAGCACTATGCTTCCTTGGATAGAGAATGTTCCAGACATTC
TCGCTTCCCTGAAAGACTGAAGAAAGTGTAGTCATGGACCCACGAAA
CTGCCCTGGCTCCAGTGAAACTGGGCACATGCTCAGGCTACTATAGGT
CCAGAACGTCTTATGTTAAGCCCTGGCAGGCAGGTGTTATTAAAATTCT
GAATTTGGGGATTTCAAAAGATAATATTTACATACACTGTATGTTATA
GAACCTCATGGATCAGATCTGGGCAGCAACCTATAAAATCAACACCTTAA
TATGCTGCAACAAATGTAGAATATTAGACAAAATGGATACATAAAGACT
AAGTAGCCCATAAGGGTCAAAATTGCTGCCAAATGCGTATGCCACCA
ACTTACAAAAACACTCGTTCGCAGAGCTTTCAGATTGGAATGTTGG
ATAAGGAATTATAGACCTCTAGTAGCTGAAATGCAAGACCCCCAAGAGGAA
GTTCAGATCTTAATATAAATTCACTTCATTTGATAGCTGTCCCATCTG
GTCATGTGGTGGCACTAGACTGGTGGCAGGGGCTTAGCTGACTCG
CACAGGGATTCTCACAAATAGCCGATATCAGAATTGTTGAGGAACCTACTGCCTT
GTCTCTTCATCTAATATGATAGCGGGAAAAGGAGAGGAAACTACTGCCTT
TAGAAAATATAAGTAAAGTGATTAAAGTGCTCACGTTACCTTGACACATAG
TTTTCAGTCTATGGTTAGTTAGATGGCAAGCATGTAACCTATA
TTAATAGTAATTGAAAGTTGGTGGATAAGCTATCCCTGTTGCCGTT
CATGGATTACTCTCTATAAAAATATATTTACAAAAAAATTGACATGACACATAG
TTCCCTCTCCCCTCTTCCTGACATGCATTGAAATAGGTTCTTCTGT
TCTGAGATTCAATATTGAATTCTCCTATGCTATTGACAATAAAATTATT
GAACTACC

Genbank ID: G06527

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

4. WI-8145:

Database ID: EST102441 (Also known as D18S1234, G00-677-827, G06845, 8145, T49159)

Source: WICGR: STSs derived from dbEST sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GAAATGCACATAACATATATTGCC

Right = TGCTCACTGCCTATTAAATGTAGC

Product Length = 184

Review complete sequence:

GTTGTTGGANGCAGGTTATTATATACCTGCAATTGAATATAAGAT
 ACAGACATATATATGTGTTATGTATTCTAGAAATGCACATAACATATATT
GCCTATTGTTAATGTTTCCAGANATTATTACAGAAGGGCATGGAG
GGATACCTACTTATTCTCATTATGAGAACAAATTAAAGGCATTATTAGAT
AGGAAATTAAACAGANCATCTGCTTCTATAACTTATTAGCTACATTAAATA
GCGAGTGAGCANTAAATTAAAANCACCATTATATAAANTANTAAATACC
AAAGTAAAAG

: left and right primer

PCR Conditions

Genbank ID: T49159

Description: yb09e07.s1 Homo sapiens cDNA clone 70692 3' similar to

gb:J02685

UniGene Cluster Description: Human mRNA for Arg-Serpin (plasminogen activator-inhibitor 2, PAI-2) Search for GDB entry

5. WI-7061:

Database ID: UTR-02902 (Also known as PAI2, G00-678-979, G06377, 7061, M18082)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGCTCTTCTGAACAACTTCTGC

Right = ATAGAAGGGCATGGAGGGAT

Product Length = 338

Review complete sequence:

AACTAAGCGTGCTGCTTCTGCAAAAGATTTTAGATGAGCTGTGTGCC
TCAGAATTGCTATTCAAATTGCCAAAAATTAGAGATGTTTCTACATAT
TTCTGCTCTTGCAACACTTCTGCTACCCACTAAATAAAAACACAGAAAT
AATTAGACAATTGCTATTATAACATGACAACCCTATTAAATCATTGGTCT
TCTAAAATGGGATCATGCCATTAGATTTCTTACTATCAGTTATTTT
TATAACATTAACTTTACTTTGTTATTATTATTTATATAATGGTAGTTT
AAATTATTGCTCACTGCCTATTAAATGTAGCTAATAAAGTTAGAACAG
ATGATCTGTTAATTCTATCTAATAAAATGCCTTAATTGTTCTCATAATGA
AGAATAAGTAGGTATCCCTCCCATGCCCTCTATAATAAAATCTGGAAAAAA
ACATTAAACAATAGGCAAATATGTTATGTGCATTCTAGAAATACATAA
CACATATATATGTCTGTATCTTATATTCAATTGCAAGTATATAATAAA
CCTGCTTCCAAACACNNNNNNNNNNNNNGGAATT

PCR Conditions

Genbank ID: G06377

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

6. D18S68:

Database ID: AFM248YB9 (Also known as 248yb9, Z17122, D18S68)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATGGGAGACGTAATACACCC

Right = ATGCTGCTGGTCTGAGG

Product Length = 285

Review complete sequence:

AAAGAGTTGGGTTGTGAATTCCCACACCACTAACATTGGCTATGGG
CTTACCATGGGAGACGTAATACACCCGGNACTTCCAACTCACATACCAAG
AGACATGGCTCTAGCACCCAAATGGAAATATGCTGAATGTTGCAGGTGCA
AGACAGCAACAAAGCAGACAGAGGGCACATAGACAAGGCACCAACAGTGT
CCACTATACTCGACAGTGTGGAAAGTTGTAGATAGGATGAAGAGAAAG
AATACA
CGGTAGANACTTACTACNCAAAGTGTGANCCTCAGACCAGCAGCAGCATCTG
GCNAAATGGTGTATCACCTTCCAG

Genbank ID: Z17122

Description: H. sapiens (D18S68) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat; clone

7. WI-3170:

Database ID: MR3726 (Also known as D18S1037, G04207, HALd22f2, 3170)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGTGCTACTGATTAAGGTAAAGGC

Right = TGCTTCTTCAATTGTAGAGTTGG

Product Length = 156

Review complete sequence

CTGAGACAAGGCAGGCAAACAAACCTCTAAAAATCTACAATTGGTGATTGG
TGTGCTACTGATTAAGGTAAAGGCCACAGAATTATACATCCAGGTTNCTAT
TACTTATGGCAGACTCAGGACCCAGGTTNAGAGACCCTGGCCTTAAGA
AAAAAAATGGGGTTCTGATTTCTGGATAATAATCCAACCTACAAATTGA
AGAAGCAACATACCCCTCTTGTTA

Genbank ID: G04207

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

8. WI-5654:

Database ID: MR10908 (Also known as D18S1259, G00-678-695, G05278, 5654)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

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Primers:

Left = CTTAATGAAAACAATGCCAGAGC

Right = TGCAAAATGTGGAATAATCTGG

Product Length = 149

Review complete sequence:

CTACAAAATGCATGTGGCTTGGCTTGAAATAGTACACCCATCAAAGA
CTAAATTTCTTAATGAAAACAATGCCAGAGCTTTTCATGATATTTGTT
TTTAGAGATGGGAACAATCTGGACGTTGTTCTTATCTGGGTGGTAAT
CGAGGCTTAGCAATTCCCACAGCGTTACACAAATCCAGATTATTCCACA
TTTGCAAATA

Genbank ID: G05278

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

9. D18S55:

Database ID: AFM122XC1 (Also known as 122xc1, Z16621, D18S55,
GC378-D18S55)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GGGAAAGTCAAATGAAAATC

Right = AGCTTCTGAGTAATCTTATGCTGTG

Product Length = 143

Review complete sequence:

AGCTGAACATGCCCTTTCATGGAGCAGTTCNAAATACACTTTGGTACA
ATCTGCAGGTGGATATGGAGCTCAGGAGTTGAGACCAGCCTGGGCA
ACATGGTCAAATCCCGTCTCTACTAAAATACAAAAAAATTAGCCAGGTGTG
GCGGCATGTGCCTGTAGNCCCAGGATGGATTGAGTGGGTGAGATATGG
AATAAGTGGTGGGAAGTCAAATGCAAATCAATTCAGTTGTCAATATTG
ATTCTCTATTCTAGCCTGGCGTGGTTTCTCGTCACACACACACACAC
ACACACACACACACACACACACACACACACACAGCATAAGATTACTCAGA
AGCT

Genbank ID: Z16621

Description: H. sapiens (D18S55) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

10. D18S969:

Database ID: GATA-P18099 (Also known as G08003, CHLC.GATA69F01,
CHLC.GATA69F01.P18099)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AACAAAGTGTGTATGGGGGTG

Right = CATATTCACCCAGTTGTTGC

Product Length = 365

Review complete sequence:

CAGGGAAATGCAAATCAAAACCACAATGAGTTATCCTCATACCTTAAT
GATGGCTAATATTAAACAAGAGATAACAAGTGTATGGGGGTGGAG
AAAAGAGAATGTNCGAACACTCTGGTTGAAATATAAGTGGTAGANCCA
TTATGCAAACAGTATGAATCTTATCAGTATAANATTAGGACCTNGCATA
TGATCNCAGCAATCNCCACNTCTGNGNGATCNCACNCNCTATCTCTAT
ATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
ATCTGTCTGTCTATCATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
CTATCTATCTGTCTATCTATNCCGGAATATTTTCAAGCCATNNAATAAGG
AAGTCCTGCTATTTGCAACAAACTGGGTGAATATGGAGAACGTTATGCTA
AATGCAATATGCTAAAGACAGACACAGAAAGACAAGTATGACCTCACTTA
TATGTGGAAACTGAAAAAGCCATACTCATTACAGCAAAGAGTAGAATGTT
GGTTACCAGGGGCAAAGAGGGTAGAAATGAGGGGAGTGAGAAAATGTC
AATCAAAGTGTAAAGAATGTTATAACATAAAATAATTAGAG

Genbank ID: G08003

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA69F01.P18099 clone GATA69F01.

11. D18S1113:

Database ID: AFM200VG9 (Also known as D18S1113, 200vg9, w2403)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GTTGA~~T~~CAAGT~~C~~AAAC~~T~~G

Right = CAAAGACATTGTAGACGTTCT~~T~~G

Product Length = 207

Review complete sequence:

AGCTGCATATAAAACTAT~~T~~CCATT~~T~~CACATTTGAAGACATTGTAGCCA
TGATACTTTGCTGTTGTCTGTGGGCCACCTCTTTGAAGTGTGTAGTTA
ACTGTGCTCCTGTAATCTGTTGTCTGTTGACTCAAGT~~C~~AAAC~~T~~GTTCT
GCGTGGCATGTTCTNCAACTTGATGTGCTATTATC~~A~~CTTCTTTGA
AGTTAAGTCTCTATGTCTTGTATTCTGTACCCAGGGATATGTTT
GTGCATGCACACGCATAAACACACACACACACACACACACAGAGA
CAGAGACAGAGAACG~~T~~CTACAATGTCTTGTGAG

12. D18S868:

Database ID: GATA-D18S868 (Also known as G09150, CHLC.GATA3E12,

CHLC.GATA3E12.496, CHLC.496, D18S868)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGCCAATACCTTGTAGTAAATATCC

Right = GATTCTCCAGACAAATAATCCC

Product Length = 189

Review complete sequence:

GAGTGAGCCAATACCTTGTAGTAAATATCCATCTATCTTGTATGTATCTAT
GTATCTATCTTGTATCTATATGTCTATGTATCTATGTATGTATGTATCTAT
CTATCATCTATCTATCATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCT
ATCTATCTATATCCNTTGGGATTATTTGTCTGGAGAACCTGATTAACAT
AGTCTGCTAACCTTATCTGTATCTCTATGTGTATGCTCTCCTTCTTCC
TGTCTCTCTCTCTTGTCTCATTTAANCTCCTTCTGGGNATATTG
GNAATTGGATTGGANTCTGGACANTGTAGGAGTAAAAATT

Genbank ID: G09150

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA3E12.P6553 clone GATA3E12.

13. WI-9959:

Database ID: MR12816 (Also known as D18S1251, G00-678-524, G05488,
9959)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGCCAACAGCAGTCAAGC

Right = AGCACCTGCAGCAGTAATAGC

Product Length = 110

Review complete sequence:

ctgtttatggaaaaaaaaatctgtctccaagaagaaaaagttcattctACCTGTTGCCAACAGC
AGTCAAGCGGACATGTTAAAATTTTAAAAAGTATTTTTTTCCAACT
GGNGTTAATAGCCTCATTGGCTTTGCTATTACTGCTGCAGGTGCTT
TNATTTTCTCTGCATTATAATTAC

Genbank ID: G05488

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

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14. D18S537:

Database ID: CHLC.GATA2E06.13 (Also known as CHLC.13, GATA2E06,
D18S537, GATA-D18S537)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCCATCTATCTTGTATGTATCTATG

Right = AGTTAGCAGACTATGTTAACAGGA

Product Length = 191

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TTTTATGTCAGTGTCTAAATTATTGTTATTGTTTATACTCT
AAATGGTTTAAATATGCACATATGTCATATTACACACACACACA
CACACACACACTCTTTATTAGAAGCATTAGATAGAGTGCCTGAAAA
TTAACCTTAACCNAAGAAAAGACAATAAGGAACAATAGGGAAGTTATCC
TTGCTAAGGGTATGGAAAATATTACATATTATAACANGTTAAC
AAGTCATGCTTGANTATAATAGCT

Genbank ID: Z23850

Description: H. sapiens (D18S465) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;
clone

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17. D18S968:

Database ID: GATA-P34272 (Also known as G10262, CHLC.GATA117C05,
CHLC.GATA117C05.P34272)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GAAATTAACCAGACACTCCTAAC

Right = CTTAGAATTGCCTTGCTGC

Product Length = 147

Review complete sequence:

GAATAAAAATATGAGGTATTAGAAATTACAGATAGGAAGAAATTAAACCAG
ACACTCCTAACCAACCGATNAGTTAAAGAGGAGATAGATAGATAGATGAT
AGATAGATAGATAGATAGATAGATACCACTGAAAATGCAANCACAAATTA
GCAGATTATATGTGATGCAGCAAAGGCAATTCTAAGTAGATTCTAAGTGC
TACATTGATAGCAGTACCCACTGACATTACCGGAAAGGATGGTATCCATA
ACCACCTACCTATATACCTCCGCAGCTGGANATTAGGNTTAAGCTTCTTN
GGGCNCCTGGCGGCCCNNTGTGGTCCCCGGTNGGNCCCCGNTTNN
GNNTNGCTNNGNTTNCNTGGNGNCCCCNNTNGGTTNNGGNNNNNT
NNNNNTNGNNNNNTNCCNNNNNNNTNTNNNCNNNNNNNTNNNN
NNNNNNNNNGNNNNNGGN

Genbank ID: G10262

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA117C05.P34272 clone GATA117C05.

18. GATA-P6051:

Database ID: GATA-P6051 (Also known as CHLC.GATA3E08,
CHLC.GATA3E08.P6051)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GCAACAACCTAATGAGTATACTG

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Right = GAGTCTCACCAAGGGCTTACA

Product Length = 149

Review complete sequence:

AAAGCTGTCTCCTTTGTAAGTGTGCTCAGAGGAATCTTTTCAGTAAAT
AAAGTCTGCACCCAGACATCTCACTTTGTATACCACGGAGAATTACCAT
GACTCTTCTCAGTGATAAACGTCATAATAGAATAATCAGGAGAAAAAGAG
AAATCCAGTAAAGAAATAAGTCTGTAGAAAGCAACAACCCTATGAGTAT
ACGATATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATG
NATCTATCTATCTAACATTATAAAAATATATTCCCTCCTGTATTGGGG
CCCTGTGTGAAGCCCTGGTGAGACTCAAAAATTGANTATTCCNTTTN
T

Genbank ID: G09104

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA3E08.P6051 clone GATA3E08.

19. D18S875:

Database ID: GATA-D18S875 (Also known as G08001, CHLC.GATA52H04, D18S875)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCCTCTCATCTCGGATATGG

Right = AAGGCTTCAGACTTACACTGG

Product Length = 394

Review complete sequence:

TTATTTATTCACTCATTCAATAAATATTATGAATTTCCTTAATGGCNANG
AAAGTATGTTGGTACTGAATATGGTAGCAAGATTTCCTCTCATCTCG
GATATGGAAAGATCTTGGAAATCATTATACTACATACTACAAATANGAAAGT
AAGCTGAGCAATTGAAAATCAACAATTCTTTGTACNTGTCAGAAAAGT
GAAGATATATTAAATCAGGGTTCTCAGAGAAACATAACCAATAGGNACACA
GNTCTATATGNCCNCNTTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCNCTATCTAT
CNCANACCNGGNGAANTNATNTTNGAGATTNATGCAAGNCTGAGAAA
NACCNAAGAANCTGCTCCCTGTNAAACTNGAGATNCAAGAANCTGAANA
GTATAGNTCCAGTCCNAAGTCTANAGACCTTAGAATTAGGAAAATGATA
CTATAAATACCAAGTGTAAAGTCTGAAAGCCTTAAANACCATAGTGCCAT
TGAAAGGGCAGAAGACTGATGTCCCAGTTCAAGCAGGCAAAGTTAGAGA
AGCCTTATTCTGCAACATTGTTCTATTCAAGACCCTNNANANGATTGACN
ATGTCCACCCA

Genbank ID: G08001

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA52H04.P16177 clone GATA52H04.

Search for GDB entry

20. WI-2620:

Database ID: MR1436 (Also known as G03602, D18S890, HHAa12h3, 2620)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCTCCAAGCTATTGATTGGATAA

Right = TTAAGAGCCAATTATATAAAAAGCAGC

Product Length = 177

Review complete sequence:

CCCCCTTTGCCAACGCCATGCTTCACGTAGGGAGCCTGACATGCAGAAA
ACTCTCCAAGCTATTGATTGGATAAAAGAGGCCAGAGCTGACTGAATTCCAT
TCTTCTTGAGCCTCTCATTCTGTGTTCTCGAATTTCACCAAAGCATCTT
GACACACAAATATCTGACTCAAGGAAAAGGAAAAACAAC TGCTTTCTC
CAGCTGCTTTATATAAATTGGCTCTAAACTTCTAAGTTATTATGGAT
A

Genbank ID: G03602

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Search for GDB entry

21. WI-4211:

Database ID: MR6638 (Also known as G03617, D18S980, 4211)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATGCTTCAGGATGACGTAATACA

Right = AAATTCTCGCTGATTGGAGG

Product Length = 113

Review complete sequence:

CTAGTACCATATAATCCCTTTGGAATAAACCATCCCACCTTAGTCAGANC
AGATGCTTCAGGATGACGTAATACATAATAAGCCTACTCAGTTCTACTCT
GGCTTGTATGTCTCAAAGTGATATTTTTAAGTATTACTTGTCCCTCC
AATCAGCGAGAATT

Genbank ID: G03617

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Search for GDB entry

22. D18S876:

Database ID: GATA-D18S876 (Also known as G09963, CHLC.GATA61E10, D18S876)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TCAAAC TTATAACTGCAGAGAACG

Right = ATGGTAAACCCTCCCCATTA

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Product Length = 171

Review complete sequence:

AAGACTGCAATTACATTGCATCAAACCTATAACTGCAGAGAACGTTGCC
CACTATTITATACCACACAAACAGTATTCTTAGCCAGATTACATCTATCTAT
CTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTAT
TAGCTATCTATCTATAGAACTAATGGGGAGGGTTACCATGTTGGGTGA
ACCCAAACATTTATGGNCAAGGGNTGGAAAATTACCCCTATCTACAAAC
TNTTNAACTTGTTTGGTAGGNGTGNATAATTCCNTGGGNTTGGAAANAAC
TTTGNAATTTCCTCNTGTTNTNATTNNNNATTNNNTNNNCATTATTNTGG
GGTNTTCNGGGTGGAGGGCTNANTTGGCCNCCGGGTCCNNNGNGC
NAGTNGGNNNGGNTNNTNGGGTTNCTGGGAANCNTNCNCCTNCNG
GGGNTTCANGGGNTTTTNTTTNNTTG

Genbank ID: G09963

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA61E10.P17745 clone GATA61E10.

Search for GDB entry

23. GCT3G01:

Database ID: GCT-P10825 (Also known as G09484, CHLC.GCT3G01,
CHLC.GCT3G01.P10825)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CTTTGCAATCTTAGTTAATTGGC

Right = GAACTATGATATGGAGTAACAGCG

Product Length = 128

Review complete sequence:

AGATGTTAACTTGCAATCTTAGTTAATTGGCAGAAATGAAATTAGTT
CCACAACCTTTATTCGATATTAAAAACACCACCATCAGCAGCAGC
AGCAGCAGCAGCATCGCTGTTACTCCATATCATAGTTAGAGCATTAAA
GNGGTCAAAATATACAACTAGGCTGACACCNGNATAAGGTTAATTAA
ACCNGNGGTCTNCCCTCTAAGGNGGNTTTTTCTTGNCNTGGCTTCT
TTTCCNTTGCTTTGTAAAATATCAAGGNATTGGTTNTCNTGGN
ANTTNNCNNANTNNTNNNCNCNCCCCCCTTGGGCGGGGTC
CCCNNTTGCCCCGGGTTGNGTGCAGTAGGGGGTCNCGGGTNNNG
NAAGTTNGGGCCCT

Genbank ID: G09484

Description: human STS CHLC.GCT3G01.P10825 clone GCT3G01.

24. WI-528:

Database ID: MH232 (Also known as G03589, 528, D18S828)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TTCTGCCTTCCTGACTGTC

Right = TGTTTCCCATGTCTTGATGA

Product Length = 211

Review complete sequence:

CTACTAAGCAAATTCTGCTCAGCC~~TTCTGCCTTCCTGACTGTC~~TGTTG
 GCCCTTCCCACTTAAGGATGCCTGTTAAGTAGGCCACCTCTAATTAGGA
 ATCTTCCCTTGTCTTCAGGAGGCTTAGACACTGTCAGTTCTGAA
 GACAGAAAATAAGCCTGCATTATCCTAGTAGTGGATTCAAAACTAATTGT
 GTCCTGAGTCTTCAATCATCAAGACATGGGAAACACTCAACAG

Genbank ID: G03589

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Search for GDB entry

25. WI-1783:

Database ID: MR432 (Also known as G03587, _shu_31.Seq, 1783,

D18S824)

Source: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CCAGTAATTAGACATTGACAGGTTTC

Right = TTTTACTAGACAGGGCTTGATAAACAA

Product Length = 305

Review complete sequence:

~~CCAGTAATTAGACATTGACAGGTTCC~~ACTAGTAATGTAGGGAATAGGG
 CTGCTGCTTTGGGTTCTTGAGTATACTTGTGCTGCATAAAATATGG
 CAATGGATAGTAAATAATTGTATGCAGACCTTAGTGTGATTAAACCTGT
 GAATAAGGGAACAACAATCAAGGACAAAAATCAAAAGACTAATTCTCTAT
 ACATTTGAGCTTTGTAAAAAAAGTAAGATTAGCTGAATATATCTGAAAAAA
 TTTCTAATCTCCTTACAATTAAATTGTTATCAAGCCTGTCTAGTAA
AAATAATTCAAGTTCGGAATGTGG

Genbank ID: G03587

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Search for GDB entry

26. D18S477:

Database ID: AFM301XF5 (Also known as 301xf5, Z24212, D18S477)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = GGACATCCTGATTGCTCATAA

Right = GATTGACTGAAAACAGGCACAT

Product Length = 243

Review complete sequence:

GGACATCCTTGATTGCTCATAATACACTCATTCCCTTACCCATTGAGTGT
GCACATATTTCTCTGATTGGAAAGAACTACAGAGGAGGTTTACNTTTA
CTTCAGTTGCTATTAAAGAGAGAAAACAAACAGAGNGAAATCAAGCA
ACTCAAAACACCTTACACACACACACACACACTCACAAAGATA
TTTGTTCACCATATGTATTGATGTGCCTGTTTCAGTCAATCCACAGGAA
GGGCTAAGGAGAGTGACATCTGGGCTACATTAAAAGGACAGTCACATTG
CTCAAAGNACTCAAGTTAGCCCCGAGTACAGTAGCT

Genbank ID: Z24212

Description: H. sapiens (D18S477) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

Search for GDB entry

27. D18S979:

Database ID: GATA-P28080 (Also known as G08015, CHLC.GATA92C08,
CHLC.GATA92C08.P28080)

Source: CHLC: genetically mapped polymorphic tetranucleotide repeats

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = AGCTTGCAGATAGCCTGCTA

Right = TACGGTAGGTAGGTAGATAGATTG

Product Length = 155

Review complete sequence:

CTCTACAGTCTCTNACCTTGGACTCCAGGACTTTACCCAGCACCCCTCAA
CATTCCCACGGGTTCTCAGGAACCTTATAGTTGACTGAGCCATGCCACT
GGATCCTAGGGTCTCCAGCTTGAGATAGCCTGCTATGGGACTTAATCT
TTGTAATAAGGTGAGTCATTCTGCCAATAAACCTACTTTCATCTCTATCT
ATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCTATCGAAT
CTATCTACCTACCTACCGTATTAGTTCTGTCTCTGGAGN

Genbank ID: G08015

Description: human STS CHLC.GATA92C08.P28080 clone GATA92C08.

28. WI-9340:

Database ID: UTR-05134 (Also known as G06102, D18S1034, 9340,
X60221)

Source: WICGR: Primers derived from Genbank sequences

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = TGAGAGAACGAAATCTCTATCGG

Right = AGGCAGCAAGTTTTATAAAGGC

Product Length = 115

Review complete sequence:

ATGTATCTATCCATTGAGTCAGCTAGAAACAGTTGACTGACTAAATGG
AAACTAGTCTATTGACAAAGTCTTCTGTGTTGGTGTCACTGAAGTTAT
AGTTTACCCCTCCTAAAAATGAAAAGTTGTTCATATAGTGAGAGAACGA
AATCTCTATCGGCCAGTCAGATGTTCTCATCCTTGTCTGCCTTG
AGTTGTTCCGTGATCATTCTGAATAAGCATTGCCTTATAAAAACTTGCT
GCCTGACTAAAGATTAAACAGTTATAGTTAAATTGTAATTAAATTCTACC
ATCTTGCAATAAAAGTGACAATTGAATG

Genbank ID: G06102

Description: WICGR: Random genome wide STSs

Search for GDB entry

29. D18S466:

Database ID: AFM094YE5 (Also known as 094ye5, Z23354, D18S466)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ACACTGTAGCAGAGGCTTGACC

Right = AGGCCAAGTTATGTGCCACC

Product Length = 214

Review complete sequence:

aatgacacttaaggaggtaacactgtacqcaqaggcttgaccaccaccagttctcactagcactgagg
atgctctattgggtgggttacccacacacgcatagacatgcacacacacacacacacacacacacacacac
acacacacacacacaccagatatacgcatccaaaccatcaatatgctatgcaataactgcattaaacaggtcatg
cctgtggqacataactqcctagaaaactggggacgtctgcattccattatcgaattgacttact
tggctctgagtttcctcagaagtaataactcaataacctccattctgcctgancattgttgggtaccaag
tatagct

Genbank ID: Z23354

Description: H. sapiens (D18S466) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

Search for GDB entry

30. D18S1092:

Database ID: AFMA112WE9 (Also known as D18S1092, w5374, a112we9)

Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs

Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = CTCTCAAAGTAAGAGCGATGTTGTA

Right = CCGAAGTAGAAAATCTTGGCA

Product Length = 163

Review complete sequence:

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agctctcaaagttaaqaqcqaqtgtactgactgagttgtgaantttgnnttggagtca
gttatttagatgtaaattaaacacacacacacacacacacacacacacac
atttctacttcggcgccatatattctataactgatttctgtattcccagacttgaatata
catagacaatctcataataantaggcataataaggtaataggntttctggcttcatcatccctgca
atttgagtctcnnttagtgaantctctgtataaacntctgttttagct

Search for GDB entry

31. D18S61:

Database ID: AFM193YF8 (Also known as 193yf8, Z16834, D18S61)
Source: J Weissenbach, Genethon: genetically mapped polymorphic STSs
Chromosome: Chr18

Primers:

Left = ATTTCTAAGAGGACTCCCAA

Right = ATATTTGAAACTCAGGAGCAT

Product Length = 174

Review complete sequence:

CGTCTTACCAACACATAATATAGCAATGGNAACCAAAAATTCTAAGA
GGACTCCCAAACTACATTCTTCNCCTGAATTAAATACAGGCATTCAANA
NAAACANACGCACA
CCCTTCAAATCNTAGCATAAATTCCNCTTATATAAACATAACCATGCTCCT
GAGTTTCAAATATTGGGTGGTTCGAAGTTCGAAGCAACAAATTCCAGT
TAGTGTCTATTANTTGTGGACAGCT

Genbank ID: Z16834

Description: H. sapiens (D18S61) DNA segment containing (CA) repeat;

clone

Search for GDB entry

Markers (STRs) used in refining the candidate region.

Below the markers are shown that were used in family MAD31 to refine the candidate region. Most of these markers are already described above and will therefore only be mentioned to by their name. For the additional markers, the information is given here.

Data was already shown for: D18S68, D18S55, D18S969, D18S1113, D18S483, D18S465, D18S876, D18S477, D18S979, D18S466 and D18S61.

New data:

1. D18S51:

Other names: UT574, (D18S379)

Primer sequences:

UT574a	GAGCCATGTTCATGCCACTG
UT574b	CAAACCCGACTACCAGCAAC

DNA-sequence:

AATTGAGCNCAGGAGTTAACGACCAGCCTGGTAACACAGTGAGACCCC
TGTCTCTACAAAAAAATACAAAAATNAGTTGGCATGGTGGCACGTGCCT
GTAGTCTCAGCTACTTGCAGGGCTGAGGCAGGAGGAGTTCTTGAGCCCC
GAAGGTTAAGGCTGCAGTGAGCCATGTTCATGCCACTGCACTTCACTCT
GAGTGACAAATTGAGACCTTGTCTCAGAAAGAAAGAAAGAAAGAAAAGAAA
GAAAGAAAGAAAGAANGAAAGAAAGAAAGTAAGAAAAGAGAGGGAAAG
AAAGAGAAANAGNAANAAATAGTAGCAACTGTTATTGTAAGACATCTCC
ACACACCAGAGAAGTTAATTAAATTAAACATGTTAAGAACAGAGAGAAAG
CCAACATGTCCACCTTAGGCTGACGGTTGTTATTGTGTTGTTGCTGG
TAGTCGGGTTGTTATTAAAGTAGCTTATCCAATACTTCATTAACAAT
TTCAGTAAGTTATTCACTTTCAACATAAACGNACAGGATTCTTCT
GGTCAAGACCAAACTAATATTAGTCCATAGTAGGAGCTAATACTATCACA
TTTACTAAGTATTCTATTGCAATTGACTGTAGCCCAGCCTTTGTCG
GCTAAAGTGAGCTTAATGCTGATCGACTCTAGAG

GENBANK ID: L18333

2. D18S346:

Other name: UT575

Primer Pairs:

Primer A: TGGAGGTTGCAATGAGCTG
Primer B: CATGCACACCTAATTGGCG

DNA sequence:

ACGAGGGACAGGGAGTTCAAGACCAGCCTGGCCAACATGGTGAACCCCGTT
TNTACTAAAANTACAAANTGGTCGGGAGGCTGGGCAGGNGACATGC

TTGACCCCAGGAGGTGGAGGTTGCAATGAGCTGAGATTGCACCACTGCA
CTNCAGCNTGG.....AAGAAAGAGAAAGGNAGNNAGGNANNAAAAC
TACATNTGAAGTCACACTAGTATTGGTGGGAGAGGAATTTATGCTGCA
TTCCCCNACAACCACTAGATACGCCAATTAGGTGTGCATGGTCCATGCTA
T

GenBank ID: L26588

3. D18S817.

Other name: UT6365

Primer Pairs:

Primer A: GCAAAGCAGAACGTGAGCATG

Primer B: TAGGACTACAGGCCTGTGC

DNA Sequence:

CATATGGGTCCACAAGCAACCTCAGTCCTTGTCTTCAGAAGAAAGAAT
TCTACTGAGGGNCATAAGGCAGAAGGAGAGACCTAGGCAAGTTGCAAAG
CAGAAGTGAGCATGTATTAAAAAGCTTAGAACAGTAAGGAAAGGAAGAA
AAGAAAAGAAGGAAAGTTCAACTTGGAAAGAGGGCCAAGCCGGCAACTTG
GCAGAAGGATTGCTTGAGCCCAGGAGTTAACGACCAGTCTGGCAATATA
GTGAGACTCCATCTGCATACATACATACATACATACATACATACATACA
TACATACATATTGCAGGGTATGATGGCACACGCCCTGTAGTCCTAGCTACT
CTGGAGGTTGAGATGGAGGGTCACTGAGCCTGGGAANTTGAGGCTGC
NNTGAGCCATGATC

GenBank ID: L30552

Characterisation of YACs.

8 YACs were selected covering the candidate region and flanking the gap. These YACs were further characterised by determining the end-sequences by the Inverse-PCR protocol.

Selected YACs: 961_h_9, 942_c_3, 766_f_12, 731_c_7, 907_e_1, 752_g_8, 717_d_3, 745_d_2

New STSs based on end-sequences (unless indicated otherwise, the STSs were tested on a monochromosomal mapping pannel for identifying chimaerism of the YAC; if the STS revealed a hit not on chromosome 18q - chimaeric YAC- then it is indicated in the text below):

1. SV32L.

Derived from YAC 745_d_2 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: GTTATTACAATGTCACCCTCATT

Primer B: ACATCTGTAAGAGCTTCACAAACA

DNA-sequence:

ATTCCTTNGTTATTACAATGTCACCCTCATTAAAAAGTGGAAAGATAAAG
AGGAAGCAATCTATTTTTCTCTTTCTGATAGCACTTGTTGTGAAG
CTCTTACAGATGTTCTTAAGTAAAATCAACTCCTCCATTTTGTAGCA
ACTACACATATTATCAATAATAGTTCACAAATACATTTCAAATT

Amplified sequence length: 107 basepairs (bp)

This STS has no clear hit on the monochromosomal mapping pannel.

2. SV32R.

Derived from YAC 745_d_2 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: ACGTTCTCAATTGTTAGTC

Primer B: TGTCTGGCATTATTTTAC

DNA sequence:

AGACAATGGGAGAAATTGCACTGCCCTGAGTCAGAAATCAGATCTGTTG
CCATACAGCTGCCGTTATGTGATCATTGCAAGTCAACGTTCTCAATTG
TTTAGTCATTGTAAGACAAAAGACTGGTTGGATTTCAGAGAATTGGA
ATCCTCCTTCAGGTTAACAGCAATAATGATACTCTTCAGTGTAAAAT
AATGCCAAGACATNATTGACTTAAATTAAATCCAAACAAGATATC

Amplified sequence length: 127 bp

This STS has no clear hit on the monochromosomal mapping panel.

3. SV11L.

Derived from YAC 766_f_12 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CTATGCTCTGATCTTGTACTTT

Primer B: ATTAACGGGAAAGAATGGTAT

DNA sequence:

GTCTTATTTCATATAACTATGCTCTGATCTTGTACTTTCTCCCTTTAAC
TCAGTTAACGTTATTCTTATTTCAGCTGCTGAAGGTATATAGTTAGG
TTGTTATTGGATACCATTCTTCCCGTTAATGTCAGTGGTTACTGCTATC
AATGTAGCAGTTA

Amplified sequence length: 118 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between CHLC.GATA-p6051 and D18S968.

4. SV11R.

Derived from YAC 766_f_12 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AAGGTATATTATTGTGTCG

Primer B: AAACTTTCTAACCTCATA

DNA sequence:

ATAAGGTATATTATTGTGTCGTGAGTTAAGAAATCATTAATAACTATTT
CAGAATGACAAATGTCATTATATGTTGAAAAAGATAAACGTGAAATI
ATGAGGTTAAGAAAAGTTA

Amplified sequence length: 119 bp.

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01.

5. SV34L.

Derived from YAC 717_d_3 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TCTACACATATGGGAAAGCAGGAA

Primer B: GCTGGTGGTTGGAGGTAGG

ACATAAAATGTCGCTCAAAAACAATTATGTGTGTCTACACATATGGGAAA
GCAGGAAACAAATTGTTACAACATACATTACTTTGTTTTTAGGCAAG
ATAAAATNTCCTACCTCCAAAACCACCGACNGTCCGCAATAACTATAC
ATC

Amplified sequence length: 98 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18.

6. SV34R.

Derived from YAC 717_d_3 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: ATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATA

Primer B: TCTTGAGGAGGGTAGTC

DNA-sequence:

AATATCATTCTCACCCACGTTATACATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATATTGT
CATCTCACATGGAAAAATCTGCTGTGATCAGTTCTGAAGCTTGCTGTGA
TCCTCCCTTAGGAAAGTAGAAAAATCTTTTGAAACACTTTATTCTACAAT
CAATGAAAATTAGGTGAAGCTACAGAACGCCAGAAATTACTCTAAGATTAG
ACAATTATTAAGANGACCAATTGTCTTGGTCTCTGAAGGGTCTG
ACTACCCTCCTCCAAAGAATTCACTGGCCGTGTTTACAACGTCNTGA

Amplified sequence length: 244 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 1, therefore YAC 717_d_3 is chimaeric

7. SV25L.

Derived from YAC 731_c_7 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AAATCTCTTAAGCTCATGCTAGTG

Primer B: CCTGCCTACCAGCCTGTC

DNA sequence:

AGTGGAGAGATAGAAAGAGAGGAAGATTTTTAAATCTCTTAAGCT
CATGCTAGTGTAGGTGCTGGCAGGTCTGAACACTCTGTAAGGACAGGCTG
GTAAGGCAGGAA

Amplified sequence length: 72 bp

This STS has no clear hits on the monochromosomal mapping pannel.

8. SV25R.

Derived from YAC 731_c_7 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TGGGGTGCCTGTGTTGT
Primer B: GAGATTCATGCATTCCCTGTAAGA

DNA-sequence:

GGAGGGTGTNTCACANAAGTCTGGGGTGCCTGTGTTGTCATTGTAA
AAACCCTTGGANCATCTGGGAATGTGCTGCCACATGTCCAGGTAAC
GTTCTCAGGAAGGGGAGGGCTGGAAATCTCTGTGTGTTCTTACAGGAATG
CATGAAATCTCCCANCCCTCTTGTTGGAAATTCCCTCACTTT

Amplified sequence length: 136 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 7; therefore YAC 731_c_7 is chimaeric

9. SV31L.

Derived from YAC 752_g_8 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: GAGGCACAGCTTACCAAGTTCA
Primer B: ATTCA~~TTT~~TCTCAT~~TTT~~TATCC

DNA-sequence:

CTTCTCNATGANTGGACAAATGTCATTGGGTCAGATGAGGCACAGCT
TTACCAGTTCAGATTCCAGTAGCTGAGGAACAAATCTTAACTCCAAAAATA
GTAATTGCGTCACTTGAGGAATTTGACCTTTCATAACTTTGACAT
CACAACAATGAGGGTGAAGTTAGTAAAAATGATTATTGAGGATAA
AATGAGAAAATGAATTNAGTGCTTAAGACAATGCTGGTAACTAGTTAAN
CCG

Amplified sequence length: 178 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01.

10. SV31R.

Derived from YAC 752_g_8 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CAAGATTATGCCTCAACT
Primer B: TAAGCTCATAATCTCTGGA

DNA sequence:

AAACTTTAACCAATTAAACTCCCTAACAGTTCTATAAAATAAGCAAGATT
ATGCCTCAACTTTATGGATAAAGAAATGGAGGCATTAAGAGATAACTAAC
TTGCCCAAGGCCACACAAGTGACTGAGTAAGAATTGCAAAGCCAATGAG
TCTGGCTCCAGAGATTATGAGCTTAATCACCACTGTGCCACCTCCTGT
GTTTCCTGG

Amplified sequence length: 131 bp

This STS has no clear hits on the monochromosomal mapping pannel and gives no information concerning the chimaerity of the YAC.

11. SV10L.

Derived from YAC 942_c_3 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TCACTTGGTTGGTTAACATTACT
Primer B: TAGAAAAACAGTTGCATTGATAT

DNA-sequence:

GGTNTTTCACTTGGTTGGTTAACATTACTCTAAGTTTTTATTGTTTTTA
TGCTATTGCTAATGGGATTGCTTTCTTAATTTATTTTTCCAATAGCTTGT
TGTTAGTTTATCAAATGCAACTGTTTTCTATGCAAATTATGTTTCCT

Amplified sequence length: 130 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between CHLC.GATA-p6051 and D18S968

12. SV10R.

Derived from YAC 942_c_3 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: AACCCAAGGGAGCACAACTG
Primer B: GGCAATAGGCTTCCAACAT

DNA sequence:

TTGGTGGTGCCTAGGTTGGCAATTATAAATAAGCTGCTACAAACATT
CATGTGCAGGTCTCGTGTGGACATAATTTCAGTTCATTTGGGTAAA
CCCAAGGGAGCACAACTGTTGGATCCTATNATAAAAATNTCTCGTTTC
ATTTAAAAAACCTGGAAACTATCTNCCCACAGTGGCTGTCCCTTTTGT
ATCCCCACCAACAATGTTGGAAAGCCTATTGCCANCAT

Amplified sequence length: 135 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 18 and must be located between D18S876 and GCT3G01

13. SV6L.

Derived from YAC 961_h_9 left arm end-sequence.

No primer was made, because this sequence is identical to a known STR marker D18S42, which is indeed mapped to this region.

Primer A:

Primer B:

DNA sequence:

CATGNCTCACAGTGTCTGAGGCTGCTCTGGACATGCAATCTGCATGC
TTTGTCATGACAGGTCTAAANAGTTATCAGCTNCTCAAATAGCTGAA
TGACANAACACTGGATTTGTTCAAATANCCTATCAACTTGGCNTCTGT
GTTGCGGTTGTCACTTGGTAACAAAATAAGTC

Amplified sequence length:

SV6L recognises D18S42 which must be therefore located between WI-7336 and WI-8145

14. SV6R.

Derived from YAC 961_h_9 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TTGTGGAATGGCTAAGT

Primer B: GAAAGTATCAAGGCAGTG

DNA sequence:

TAATTGACAATAAAATTGTATATTTNCATATTAACATGTTATGCTAAC
ATATATATGGATTGTGGAATGGCTAAGTCAGAAATTCTTTACATTCATAT
TTCCATATTATTTACTTTNNGCTTAAAAAAATATGTAATGANAATACTTAT
TTTTTCAGTGTCACTGCCCTGATACTTACATTTNNGTTACATATTATT
CCCTTNCATCTAACAAATATATTGAGTTCTATAATGTGTCTGACACTG
A

Amplified sequence length: 122 bp

SV6R amplifies a segment on chromosome 18. This segment must be located between WI-2620 and WI-4211

15. SV26L.

Derived from YAC 907_e_1 left arm end-sequence.

Primer A: TATTGGTTGTTGCTGAGGT
Primer B: CAAGAAGGATGGATACAAACAAG

DNA sequence:

TGGTCACTGGTGCCTTATTTGGTTGTTGCTGAGGTCATATTCCTGTG
GCCTTCATGCTTGATTGTTGGAGTCTAGCCATGTAAAANTCTGTTGGAG
TCTAGGCATTAAAAAAATAGGTATTATTGTAACTTGGCCATTGCTTGT
TTGTATCCATCCTTCTTGGGAAGGCTTACAGGCATTCAAAAGG

Amplified sequence length: 154 bp

This STS has a hit with chromosome 13; therefore YAC 907_e_1 is chimaeric.

16. SV26R.

Derived from YAC 907_e_1 right arm end-sequence.

Primer A: CGCTATGCATGGATTTA
Primer B: GCTGAATTAGGATGTAA

DNA sequence:

CGCTATGCATGGATTAAACTGAGTGTAGTGCACTCACTATGTTGCAGTC
TCTTATTCTAGGTTCTAACATATTACATCCTAAATTCAGCT

Amplified sequence length: 90 bp

no clear hits on monochromosomal mapping panel: no information concerning chaemerity at this side of the YAC

Testing of 3 end-sequences flanking the gap in additional YACs: STS-markers WI-4211, D18S876 and GCT3G01 are also shown in order to identify YACs on opposite sides of the gap more clearly in table 3 below.

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YACs	STSs					
	WI-4211	D18S876	SV31L	SV11R	SV10R	GCT3G01
10	940_b_1	+	+	+	-	-
	766_f_12	+	+	+	+	-
	846_a_5	+	- ?	+	+	-
	752_g_8	+	+	+	+	-
	745_d_2	+	+	+	+	-
	961_c_1	+	+	-	-	-
	942_c_3	+	+	+	+	-
15	717_d_3	-	-	+	+	- ?
	972_e_11	-	-	-	-	+
	940_h_10	-	-	-	+	+
	821_e_7	-	-	-	+	+
	731_c_7	-	-	-	-	+
	889_c_4	-	-	-	+	+
	907_e_1	-	-	-	+	+

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- +: positive hit / -: no hit / ?: 2 instances were observed in which a positive hit was expected (on the assumed order of the markers) but not observed. The reasons for this are not clear.

YAC 745_d_2 was excluded from further analysis since there was no clear hit with chromosome 18. Of the remaining 7 from a monochromosomal mapping panel it was determined that 3 were chimeric and 4 non-chimeric as shown in Table 4 below.

TABLE 4

	<u>YAC</u>	<u>chimaeric</u>	<u>chromosome</u>
5	961_h_9 (6)	no	
	942_c_3 (10)	no	
	766_f_12 (11)	no	
	731_c_7 (25)	yes	chromosome 7
	907_e_1 (26)	yes	chromosome 13
10	752_g_8 (31)	no	
	717_d_3 (34)	yes	chromosome 1

15 For the non-chimeric YACs the STS based on the end-sequence flanking the gap (10R, 11R, 31L) was tested on 14 YACs flanking the gap. Overlaps between YACs on opposite sides of the gap were demonstrated: e.g. the "11R" end-sequence (766.f.12) detects YAC 766.f.12 and YAC 907.e.1.

20 YACs were then selected comprising the minimum tiling path:

TABLE 5

	<u>YAC</u>	<u>size</u>	<u>chimaerity</u>
25	961_h_9	1180 kb	not chimaeric
	766_f_12	1620 kb	not chimaeric
	907_e_1	1690 kb	chimaeric (chr. 13)

30 These three YACs are stable as determined by PFGE and their sizes roughly correspond to the published sizes. These YACs were transferred to other host-yeast strains for restriction mapping.

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Experimental 2Construction of fragmentation vector:

5 A 4.5kb ECORI/SalI fragment of pBLC8.1 (Lewis et al, 1992) carrying a lysine-2 and a telomere sequence was directionally cloned into GEM3zf(−) digested with ECORI/SalI. Subsequently, an End Rescue Site was
10 ligated into the EcoRI site. Hereto, two oligonucleotides (strand 1: 5'-TTCGGATCCGGTACCATCGAT-
3' AND STRAND 2: 3'-GCCTAGGCCATGGTAGCTATT-5') were
ligated into a partial (dATP) filled ECORI site,
generating the vector pDF1. Triplet repeat containing
15 fragmentation vectors were constructed by cloning of a 21bp and a 30bp CAG/CTG adapter into the Klenow-filled PstI site of pDF1. Transformation and selection resulted in a (CAG)₇ and a (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector with the orientation of the repeat sequence 5' to 3'
relative to the telomere.

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Yeast transformation:

Linearised (digested with SalI) vector was used to transform YAC clones 961.h.9, 766.f.12 or 907.e.1 using the LiAc method. After transformation the YAC clones were plated onto SDLys⁻ plates to select for the presence of the fragmentation vector. After 2-3 days colonies were replica plated onto SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁻ and SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁺ plates. Colonies growing on the SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁺ plates but not on the SDLys⁻-Trp⁻-Ura⁻ plates contained the fragmented YACs.

Analysis of fragmented YACs:

35 Yeast DNA isolated from clones with the correct

phenotype was analysed by Pulsed Field Electrophoresis (PFGE), followed by blotting and hybridisation with the Lys-2 gene and the sizes of the fragmented YACs were estimated by comparison with DNA standards of known length.

End Rescue:

Fragmented YACs characterised by a size common to other fragmented YACs, indicative of the presence of a major CAG or CTG triplet repeat, were digested with one of the enzymes from the End Rescue site, ligated and used to transform E. Coli. After growth of the transformed bacteria the plasmid DNA was isolated and the ends of the fragmented YACs, corresponding to one of the sequences flanking the isolated trinucleotide repeats, were sequenced.

Sequencing revealed that fragmented YACs of an equal length were all fragmented at the same site. A BLAST Search of the GenBank database was performed with the identified sequences to identify homology with known sequences. The complete sequence spanning the CAG or CTG repeats of the fragmented YACs was obtained by Cosmid Sequencing, employing sequence specific primers and splice primers, as previously described (Fuentes et al. 1992 Hum.Genet. 101: 346-350) or by using the "genome walker" kit (Clontech Laboratories, Palo Alto, USA) and described in Siebert et al. Nucleic Acid Res (1995) 23(6): 1087-1088 and Siebert et al. (1995) CLONTECHniques X(II): 1-3.

Results:

A YAC 961.h.9 clone was transformed with the (CAG)₇ or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. The CTG vector

did not reveal the presence of any CTG repeat. Analysis of twelve (CAG), fragmented YACs showed that five of these had the same size of approximately 100kb. End Rescue was performed with ECORI and sequencing of three of these fragments revealed that they all shared the terminal sequence shown in italics in Figure 15a. A BLAST search of the Genbank database with this sequence indicated the presence of a sequence homology with the CAP2 gene (GenBank accession number: L40377). The sequence spanning the CAG repeat shown in Figure 15a was obtained by both cosmid sequencing and genome walker sequencing. The sequence was mapped between markers D18S68 and WI-3170 by STS content mapping.

A YAC 766-f-12 was fragmented using the (CAG), or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. Again the (CTG)₁₀ vector did not reveal the presence of any CTG repeat. Analysis of twenty (CAG), fragmented YACs showed the presence of two groups of fragments with the same size: five of approximatively 650kb and two of approximatively 50kb.

End Rescue was performed using ECORI on four of the fragmented YACs of 650kb. Sequencing confirmed that they all shared identical 3' terminals, characterised by the sequence shown in italics in Figure 16a. A Blast Search showed homology of this sequence with the Alu repeat sequence family. The sequence spanning the CAG repeat shown in Figure 16a was obtained by cosmid sequencing. The sequence was mapped between markers WI-2620 and WI-4211 by STS content mapping on the YAC contig map. End Rescue was also performed on the two fragments of 50kb. Sequencing revealed the sequence shown in italics in figure 17a. A Blast Search revealed no

sequence homology with any known sequence. Cosmid sequencing allowed to identify the complete sequence spanning the CAG repeats, shown in figure 17a. The sequence was mapped between markers D18S968 and
5 D18S875 by STS content mapping on the YAC contig map.

A YAC 907-e-1 clone was transformed with the (CAG)₇ or (CTG)₁₀ fragmentation vector. The (CAG)₇ vector did not reveal the presence of any CAG repeat.
10 Analysis of twenty-six (CTG)₁₀ fragmented YACs revealed that twenty-one of them had the same size of approximatively 900kb. End Rescue was performed with KpnI on three fragmented YACs of this size. Sequencing revealed the nucleotide sequence shown in italics in
15 Figure 18a. A Blast Search indicated the presence of an homology of this sequence with the GCT3G0I marker (GenBank accession number: G09484). The sequence spanning the CTG repeat was obtained from the GenBank Database. The sequence was mapped between markers 10R
20 and WI-528.

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CLAIMS:

1. Use of an 8.9 cM region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment thereof for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder.
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- 10 2. Use of a YAC clone comprising a portion of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 for identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder.
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- 20 3. The use as claimed in claim 2 wherein said portion comprises the region of chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979 or a fragment of said region.
- 25 4. The use as claimed in claim 2 or 3 wherein said YAC clone is 961.h.9, 942.c.3, 766.f.12, 731.c.7, 907.e.1, 752-g-8 or 717.d.3.
- 30 5. The use as claimed in claim 4 wherein said YAC clone is 961.h.9, 766.f.12 or 907.e.1.
- 35 6. The use as claimed in any preceding claim wherein said mood disorder or related disorder is selected from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, version 4 (DSM-IV) taxonomy and includes mood disorders (296.XX, 300.4, 311, 301, 13, 295.70), schizophrenia and related disorders (295, 297.1, 298.9, 297.3, 298.9), anxiety disorders

(300.XX, 309.81, 308.3), adjustment disorders (309, XX) and personality disorders (codes 301. XX).

5 7. A method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises detecting nucleotide triplet repeats in a region of human chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and

10 D18S979.

15 8. A method of identifying at least one human gene, including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises fragmentation of a YAC clone as defined in any one of claims 2 to 4 and detection of nucleotide triplet repeats.

20 9. A method as claimed in claim 7 or 8 wherein said repeated triplet is CAG or CTG.

25 10. A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein said repeated triplet is detected by means of a probe comprising at least 5 CTG and/or CAG repeats.

30 11. A method of identifying at least one human gene including mutated or polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder wherein said gene is present in the DNA comprised in the YAC clones as defined in any one of claims 2 to 5, which method comprises the step of detecting an expression product of said gene with an antibody capable of recognising a protein with an amino acid sequence comprising a string of at least 8 continuous glutamine residues.

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12. A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein said DNA forms part of a human cDNA expression library.

5 13. A method as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12 wherein said antibody is mAB 1C2.

10 14. A method of preparing a contig map of YAC clones of the region of human chromosome 18q between polymorphic markers D18S60 and D18S61 which comprises the steps of:

(a) subcloning the YAC clones according to any one of claims 2 to 5 into exon trap vectors;

15 (b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other known sequence tagged sequence from the YAC contig described herein, or part thereof consisting of not less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement thereof, to detect 20 overlaps among the cosmid vectors, and

(c) constructing a cosmid contig map of a YAC clone of said region.

25 15. A method of identifying at least one human gene or any mutated or polymorphic variant thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

30 (a) transfecting mammalian cells with DNA sequences cloned into an exon trap vector as prepared in claim 14;

35 (b) culturing said mammalian cells in an appropriate medium;

(c) isolating RNA transcripts expressed from an SV40 promoter;

5 (d) preparing cDNA from said RNA transcripts;

10 (e) identifying splicing events involving exons of the DNA subcloned into said exon trap vector in accordance with claim 14 to elucidate positions of coding regions in said subcloned DNA;

15 (f) detecting differences between said coding regions and equivalent regions in the DNA of an individual afflicted with said mood disorder or related disorder; and

20 (g) identifying said gene or mutated or polymorphic variants thereof which is associated with said mood disorder or related disorder.

25 16. A method of identifying at least one human gene or mutated or polymorphic variants thereof which is associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

30 (a) subcloning the YAC clones according to any one of claims 2 to 5 into a cosmid, BAC, PAC or other vector;

35 (b) using the nucleotide sequences shown in any one of Figures 1 to 11 or any other known sequence tagged sequence from the YAC contig described herein, or part thereof consisting of not less than 14 contiguous bases or the complement thereof, to detect overlaps amongst the subclones and construct a map

thereof;

(c) identifying the position of genes within
the subcloned DNA by one or more of CpG island
5 identification, zoo-blotting, hybridization of said
subcloned DNA to a cDNA library or a Northern blot of
mRNA from a panel of culture cell lines;

(d) detecting differences between said genes
10 and equivalent regions of the DNA of an individual
afflicted with a mood disorder or related disorder;
and

(e) identifying said gene which, if
15 defective, is associated with said mood disorder or
related disorder.

17. An isolated human gene, including mutated or
polymorphic variants thereof, which is associated with
20 a mood disorder or related disorder which is
obtainable by the method according to any of claims 7
to 13, 15 or 16.

18. A human protein which, if defective, is
25 associated with a mood disorder or related disorder
which is the expression product of the gene according
to claim 17.

19. A cDNA encoding the protein of claim 18 which
30 is obtainable by the method of any one of claims 7 to
13, 15 or 16.

20. Use of a probe of at least 14 contiguous
nucleotides of the cDNA of claim 19 or the complement
35 thereof in a method for detection in a patient of a

pathological mutation or genetic variation associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises hybridizing said probe with a sample from said patient and from a control individual.

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21. A nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides as shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a.

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22. A nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides which differ from a sequence of nucleotides as shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a only in the extent of trinucleotide repeats.

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23. A protein encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 21.

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24. A protein encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 22.

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25. A method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises analysing a sample of DNA from that individual for the presence of a DNA polymorphism associated with a mood disorder or related disorder in a region of chromosome 18q disposed between polymorphic markers D18S68 and D18S979.

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26. A method as in claims 25 wherein said DNA polymorphism is a trinucleotide repeat expansion.

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27. A method as in claim 26 wherein said trinucleotide repeat expansion is comprised in a

sequence of nucleotides that differ from the sequence of nucleotides shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a only in said trinucleotide repeat expansion.

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28. A method as in claim 26 or 27 which comprises the steps of:

- a) obtaining a DNA sample from said individual;
- b) providing primers suitable for the amplification of a nucleotide sequence comprised in the sequence shown in any one of Figures 15a, 16a, 17a or 18a said primers flanking the trinucleotide repeats comprised in said sequence;
- c) applying said primers to the said DNA sample and carrying out an amplification reaction;
- d) carrying out the same amplification reaction on a DNA sample from a control individual; and
- e) comparing the results of the amplification reaction for the said individual and for the said control individual;
wherein the presence of an amplified fragment from said individual which is bigger in size from that of said control individual is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

35 29. A method as in claim 28 wherein said

nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 15a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 15b.

5 30. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 16a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 16b.

10 31. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 17a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 17b.

15 32. A method as in claim 28 wherein said nucleotide sequence to be amplified is comprised in the sequence shown in Figure 18a and said primers have the sequences shown in Figure 18b.

20 33. A method of determining the susceptibility of an individual to a mood disorder or related disorder which method comprises the steps of :

25 a) obtaining a protein sample from said individual; and

 b) detecting the presence of the protein of claim 24;

30 wherein the presence of said protein is an indication of the presence of a susceptibility to a mood disorder or related disorder of said individual.

35 34. A method as in claim 33 wherein said protein is detected with an antibody which is capable of

recognising a string of at least 8 continuous glutamines.

35. A method as in claim 34 wherein said antibody is mAB 1C2.

36. A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 for use as a medicament in the treatment of a mood disorder or related disorder.

10 37. A protein as claimed in claim 23 for use as a medicament in the treatment of a mood disorder or related disorder.

15 38. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20 39. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a protein as claimed in claim 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

25 40. An expression vector which comprises a sequence of nucleotides as claimed in claims 21 or 22.

41. A reporter plasmid which comprises the promoter region of a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 21 or 22 positioned upstream of a reporter gene which encodes a reporter molecule so that expression of said reporter gene is controlled by said promoter region.

30 42. A cell line transfected with the expression vector of claim 40.

43. An eukaryotic cell or multicellular tissue or organism comprising a transgene encoding a protein as claimed in claims 23 or 24.

5 44. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

10 a) contacting a cell as claimed in claim 42 with said compound;

15 b) detecting and/or quantitatively evaluating the presence of any mRNA transcript corresponding to a nucleic acid as claimed in claim 21 or 22; and

20 c) comparing the level of transcription of said nucleic acid with the level of transcription of the same nucleic acid in a cell as claimed in claim 42 not exposed to said compound;

25 45. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

30 a) contacting a cell as claimed in claim 42 with said compound;

) b) detecting and/or quantitatively evaluating the expression of a protein as claimed in claims 23 or 24 and

35 c) comparing the level of expression of said

protein with that of the same protein in a cell not exposed to said compound.

46. A method for determining if a compound is an enhancer or inhibitor of expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder which comprises the steps of:

10 a) contacting a cell transfected with a reporter plasmid as claimed in claim 41 with said compound;

15 b) detecting or quantitatively evaluating the amount of reporter molecule expressed; and

c) comparing said amount with the amount of expression of said reporter molecule in a cell comprising said reporter plasmid and not exposed to said compound.

20 47. A compound identified as an enhancer or an inhibitor of the expression of a gene associated with a mood disorder or related disorder by a method as claimed in claims 44 to 46.

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FIG. 1.

GTCTTATTCATATAACTATGCTCTGATCTTGTACTTCTCCTTTAAC
TCAGTTAACGTTATTCTTATTTCCAGCTGCTGAAGGTATATAGTTAGG
TTGTTATTGGATACCATTCTTCCCGTTAATGTCAGTGGTTACTGCTATC
AATGTAGCAGTTA

FIG. 2.

ATAAGGTATATTATTGTGTCGTGAGTTAAGAAATCATTAATAACTATT
CAGAATGACAAATGTCATTATATGTTGAAAAAGATAAATACGTGAAATI
ATGAGGTTAAGAAAAGTTA

FIG. 3.

ACATAAAATGTCGCTAAAAACAATTATGTTGCTACACATATGGGAAA
GCAGGAAACAAATTGTTACAACATACATTACTTTGTTTTAGGCAAG
ATAAAATNTCCTACCTCCAAAACCACCAAGCACNGTCCGCAATAACTATAC
ATC

FIG. 4.

AATATCATTCTCACCCACGTTATACATAAGAGACCAGAATGTGATATTGT
CATCTCACATGGAAAAATCTGCTGTGATCAGTTCTGAAGCTTGCTGTGA
TCCTCCCTTAGGAAAGTAGAAAAATCTTTGAAACACTTTATTCTACAAT
CAATGAAAATTAGGTGAAGCTACAGAAGCCAGAAATTACTCTAAGATTAG
ACAATTATTTAAGANGACCAATTGTCTTGGTCTTCTGAAGGGTCTG
ACTACCCTCCTCCAAAGAATTCACTGGCCGTCGTTTACAACGTCNTGA

FIG. 5.

GGAGGGTGTNTCACANAAGTCTGGGGTGCCTGTGTTGTTCATTGTA
AAACCCCTTGGANCATCTGGGAATGTGCTGCCACATGTCCAGGTAAC
GTTCTCAGGAAGGGGAGGCTGGAAATCTCTGTGTTCTTACAGGAATG
CATGAAATCTCCCANCCCCCTTGTGAAATTTCCTCACTTT

FIG. 6.

CTTCTCNATGANTGGACAAATGTCATTGGGTAGCATGAGGCACAGCTT
ACCAGTTCAGATTCCAGTAGCTGAGGAACAAATCTTAACTCCAAAAATAA
GTAATTGCGTCACTTGGAGGAATTATTTGACCTTTCATAACTTTTGACAT
CACAACAATGAGGGTGAAGTTAGTAAAATAAATGATTATTATGAGGATAA
AATGAGAAAATGAATTNAGTGCTTAAGACAATGCTGGTAACTAGTTAAN
CCG

FIG. 7.

GGTNTTTCACTGGTGGTAACATTACTCTAAGTTTTTATTGTTTTTA
TGCTATTGCTAATGGGATTGCTTTCTTAATTTATTTTTTCCAATAGCTTGT
TGTTAGTTATATCAAATGCAACTGTTTTCTATGCAAATTATGTTTCCT

FIG. 8.

TTGGTGGTGCCCCTAGGTTGGCAATTATAAATAAAGCTGCTACAAACATT
CATGTGCAGGTCTCCGTGGACATAATTTCAGTTCATTGGTAAAA
CCCAAGGGAGCACAACTGTTGGATCCTATNATAAAATATNTCTCGTTTC
ATTTAAAAAACCTGGAAACTATCTNCCACAGTGGCTGTCCCTTTGT
ATCCCCACCAACAATGTTGGAAAGCCTATTGCCANCAT

FIG. 9.

CATGNCTCACAGTTTCTGAGGCTGCTGGACATGCAATCTGCATGC
TTTGTCATGACAGGTCTAAANAGTTATCAGCTNCTCAAATAGCTGAA
TGACANAACACTGGATTTTGTTCAAATANCCTATCAACTGGCNTCTGT
GTTGCGGTTGTCACTTGGTAACAAAATAAGTC

FIG. 10.

TAATTGACAAATAAAATTGTATTTTNCATATTAAACATGTTATGCTAAC
ATATATATGGATTGTGGATGGCTAAGTCAGAAATTCTTTACATTCATAT
TTCCCATATTTTACTTNNGCTTAAAAAATATGAAATGAAATACTTT
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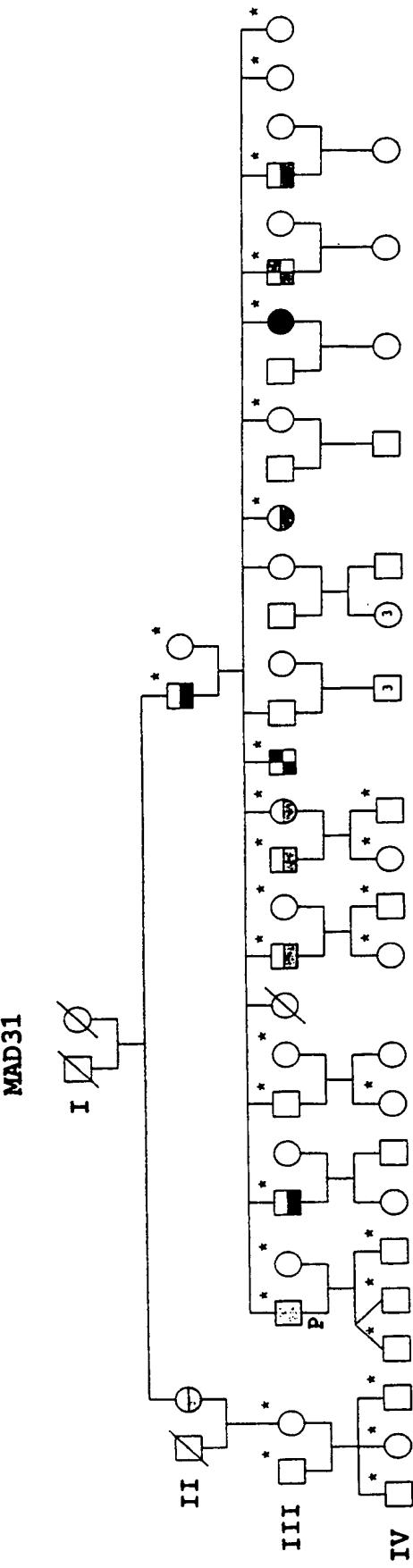
FIG. 11.

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TTGTATCCATCTTCTTGGAAAGGCTTACAGGCATTCAAAAGG

healthy male/female
 deceased male/female
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 UP
 MDD
 SAM
 SAd
 proband
 included in analysis

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FIG 12.



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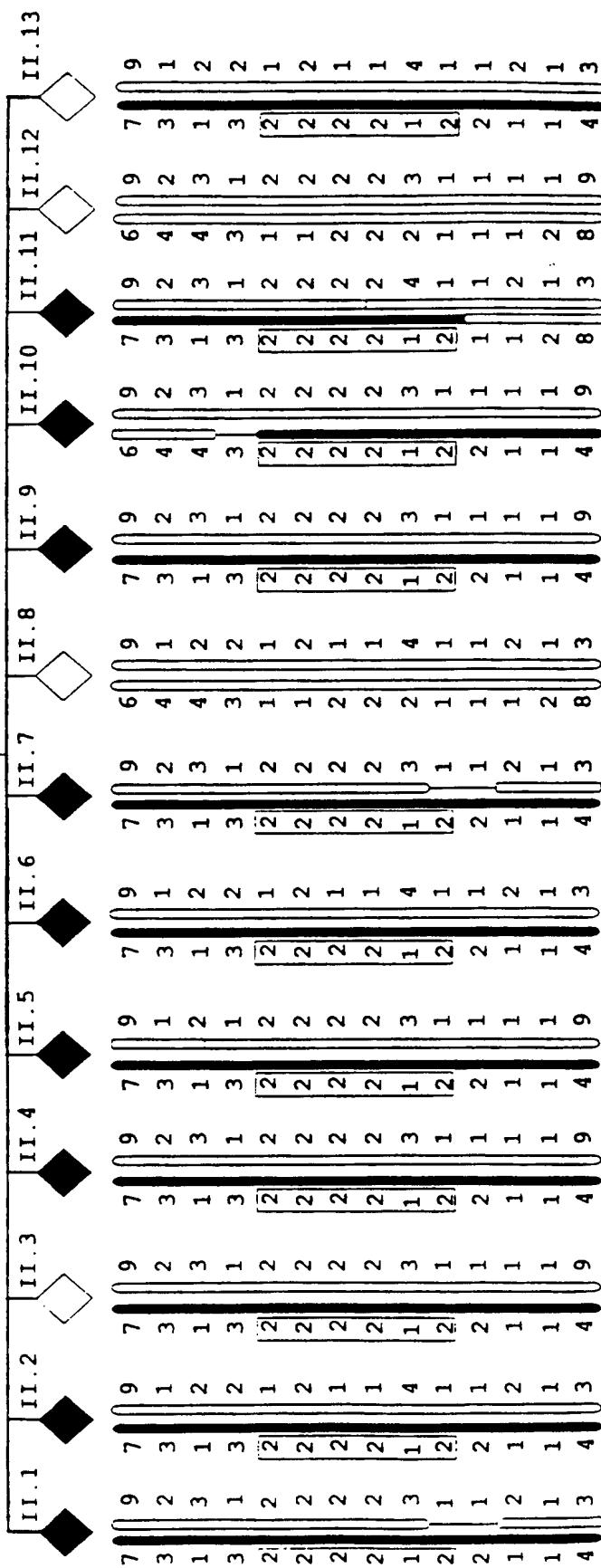
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D18S1113	2	1
D18S483	2	2
D18S465	2	2
D18S876	1	2
D18S477	2	1
D18S979	2	1
D18S466	1	1
D18S817	1	2
D18S61	4	8

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◆	◆	◆	◆

FIG. 13.



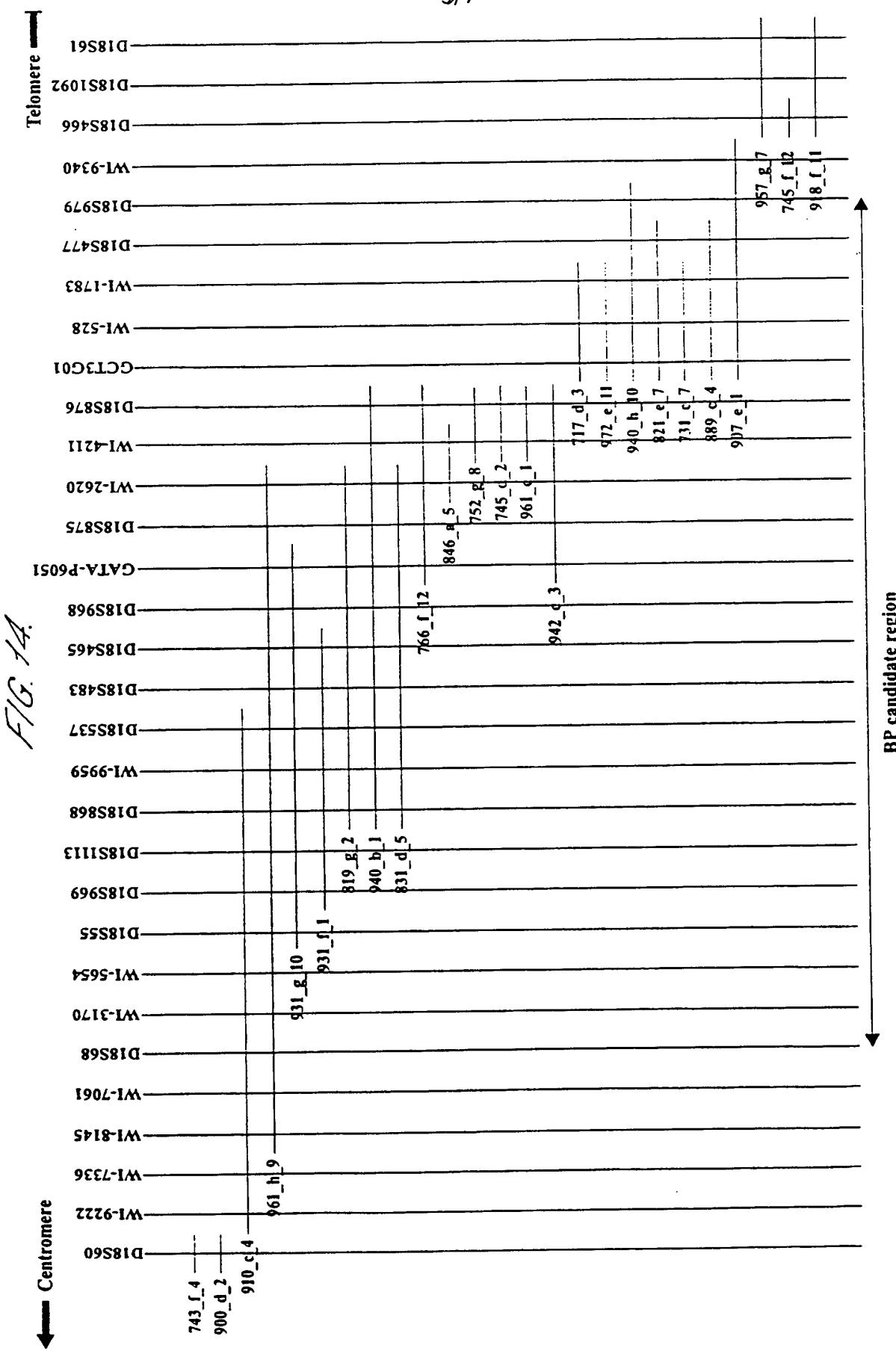


FIG. 15a.

GCCAACAAACAAAATGAAATAAGACCTGGGATGTATTTTGGCCAAGGCAATTAGAAA
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 GTGGAGTCAAACGTGAATCAACGGTAAAAAAGGACAATAGCCAATGTGTACACTTTT
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 GCAGGGAGGCAGGCCGGAAAGAAAXTCTCGGGCTGTGGGGTCXCCCTGGCACC
 AGCCGGGGTCCAAGCCCCACCGCGAGACCCCGCGA

FIG. 15b.

5'-ATCGAACGGTTCTGAGTCATCT
 5'-CGCTCTGATTCTGCTCTG

FIG. 16a.

TTCAGTAGAAGGAAGCACAGCAAATTGCCTTATAGAGATTCAATTCTGGTGCTTGG
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 AGCAGCAGTGASAGAGGAAKAATGAAAGAAGAAATTCTAGAATAAGATTGA
 TCTCCAGCACCATGCCAATCATGGACTGGATAACAATTATGCATATCTTTGTGA
 GAGAGGTGAGAGATGTGAATCCTTCTCATT

FIG. 16b.

5'-AGAAGGAAGCACAGCAAATTG
 5'-GCATGGTGCTGGAGATCAAT

FIG. 17a.

TGGGAGTAAAGCAGACATTGGCTTNGTGTGCCAGAGTCTAACATAAGTTCTTTT
 CATCTGGCAGGCNGATGTTCTTCATCTTNGAAGNACNGTCCTTTCATTTTTTTAT
 TTNGCTTTGGSKTTATCTTCTTAGACGTCTCAGGAGTTKGATTGAGKGAAGGCAG
 ATTTAGTTGACTGGCITTGTTCTGGAAAATTAAAGGGCAAGTCCTGGCTGCAT
 ATTCTTAECTGGGGCTTAGTACTGGCCCCTAAATTGTTCTCTGGCTCCTCAAGGTT
 AGAAATCTGCTGGCTGGAGGGCTGAGATGTTCTTGACTGCTGGCCAGAACATTCCG
 CCGGGGGGTGGCAACCGAAGTGTTCITTGGCAATGCCAGCAGAACATTGATGATTGTT
 TTCATGTRCCAGCAGCAGTGGCAGCGCAKTGAGTTGCATGATTGGCTGGGGC
 TGAGTGCTGGCASGCAGTGGAGTTGGCTCCAGTAGAAATTACACAGCAGTAG
 TAGTGGTGGCATGGGAAGGAGGGCAGYGGTGGCATGGGAGGACCCCCC

FIG. 17b.

5'-GGCTGAGATGTTCTTGAUTGC
 5'-CCTTCCCCTGCCACCACTACTA

FIG. 18a.

TGTAATTCCCAGCAATTGGGGAGCCCAAGGCAGGAGATTGAGTTGGGAAGAT
 TCGAGACCNTTCTGGCTAAACACGGGGAAACCCNTTTACTAAAAAAATACCAAA
 AATTAAACCTGGCGTGGTGGCGGGCCCCAGCTANTCCGGAGGCTGAGGCAGGAGAAT
 GGTGTGAACCCGGAGGGAGCTTGCAGTGAGCCGAGATCCCGCTACTGCACTCCA
 GCCTGGCAATAGAGGGAGACTCCGTCTCAAAAAAAAAAAATAATAATAATAAAA
 AAAATAACAATAATAACTAATAATTGCTTGATATTTACAAAAGCAAAGGAAAAGAAG
 ACTAGGCAAGAAAAAAACCTCTTAGATGGTAGAACTCAGGTTAAAATTAAAACCT
 ATTCTGGTGTCACTAGTTGATATTTGACCTCTTAAATGCTCTGAACATGATATGG
 AGTAACAGCGATGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGATGGTGGTGGTTA
 ATATCGAATAAAAGTTGGAAACTAAATTCTGCCAATTAACTAAGATT
 GCAAAGTTAACATCT

FIG. 18b.

5'-TTTGCATCTTAGTTAATTGGC
 5'-GAACTATGATATGGAGTAACAGCG